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Proclamation recognizing January 11, 2021 to be National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Allegheny County.

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a nationwide public health and civil rights crisis. Its victims and survivors are everywhere, with Allegheny County being no exception; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking includes both labor and sex trafficking, with both international and domestic victims; and

WHEREAS, anyone can become a victim of trafficking. While women and girls are the primary victims, victims/survivors come from every background, race, gender, sexual orientation, and economic status. Traffickers target individuals who, for any reason, are vulnerable.; and

WHEREAS, young people are particularly vulnerable to trafficking and exploitation but face many barriers in reporting what has happened to them. Allegheny County seeks to provide communities across the county with the knowledge, skills and resources to effectively identify and work with sexually exploited and at-risk youth; and

WHEREAS, all communities must seek to prevent human trafficking before it can occur, by, promoting safe, healthy, and supportive environments; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is striving to become a place where human trafficking does not exist, where people have opportunities available to them, and where all people are treated as fully human and worthy of a supportive community and freedom;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Allegheny County Council Member Olivia Bennett, do hereby recognize January 11, 2021 to be **National Human Trafficking Awareness Day** in Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF , I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 11th day of January 2021.