

PROCLAMATION

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

January 11, 2008

WHEREAS, The United States is the only nation in history to fight a civil war that resulted in the abolition of slavery, and its government and citizens must once again stand united to successfully defeat the current forms of slavery in the United States and around the world, no matter how long it takes; and

WHEREAS, Americans are committed to individual freedom and will do all they can to help eliminate modern day slavery, which includes human trafficking, early and forced marriage, forced labor, bonded labor, and slavery by descent; and

WHEREAS, Americans will take the necessary steps to nonviolently stop modern day slavery around the world and help its victims find physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual restoration; and

WHEREAS, Beyond all differences of race, creed, or political persuasion, Americans are one people who must face national threats together, and while they now live with a heightened awareness of human trafficking and other forms of modern day slavery, they refuse to allow them to continue; and

WHEREAS, Opposition by the American people will be directed against all individuals, groups, organizations, and nations who support, advance, or commit acts of modern day slavery; and

WHEREAS, Under the guidance of March Against Terror USA, the National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness and the Fight Against Concealed Enslavement (FACE) Program represent an ongoing commitment by the American people to year-round awareness of human trafficking and all other forms of modern day slavery; and

WHEREAS, The American people, through their awareness, will assist authorities in whatever it takes to disrupt and defeat the global human trafficking network; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Police Department consistently unite against the exploitation of children, women, and men.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Garden Grove do hereby proclaim January 11, 2008, as, "**National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.**"