

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary**

**Blue Sheet No. 20070467**

**1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:**

Ceremonial Resolution Recognizing Human Trafficking Awareness Month

**2. FUNDING SOURCE:**

**3. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:**

**4. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION: Approve**

**5. Departmental Category: CP 1**

**6. Meeting Date: 04/03/2007**

**7. Agenda:**  
 Consent  
 Administrative  
 Appeals  
 Public  
 Walk-On

**8. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)**  
 Statute  
 Ordinance  
 Admin. Code  
 Other

**9. Request Initiated:**  
 Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Department County  
Commission  
 Division \_\_\_\_\_  
 By: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Background:**

**11. Review for Scheduling:**

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager/P. W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mgr.	

**12. Commission Action:**

Approved  
 Deferred  
 Denied  
 Other



**LEE COUNTY**  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

***The Board of County Commissioners***

**RESOLUTION**

**Whereas:** Human rights are protected by the law of the land and must be respected by all; and, human trafficking, or modern day slavery, is an inhuman and evil violation of human rights; and,

**Whereas:** Human trafficking is a 17 plus billion dollar a year business, second to drug smuggling, with twenty seven million human trafficking victims around the world – of which over two million victims are in the United States of America. Florida is the number two destination point in the nation for potential victims of human trafficking; and,

**Whereas:** The State of Florida and local governments encourage the efforts of local agencies and organizations who protect against the violations of human rights, especially victims of human trafficking; and,

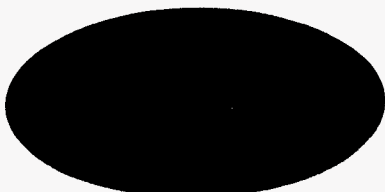
**Whereas:** In Lee County, the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Lee County Sheriff's Office and the Lee County Human Trafficking Task Force have lead the outreach and have assisted rescuing victims of human trafficking; and,

**Whereas:** The Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking, the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the Lee County Human Trafficking Task Force have been publicly recognized by the federal agencies for their continued support, which has led to the arrest and prosecution of traffickers and violators of human rights, and most importantly, the rescue of victims in Southwest Florida; and,

**Whereas:** The Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Lee County Sheriff's Office and the Lee County Human Trafficking Task Force recognized the need for community awareness and education to launch a "Zero Tolerance Campaign" against traffickers and the violation of human rights in Lee County, Florida.

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida that all Human Trafficking Laws will be strictly enforced. There will be zero tolerance for traffickers in Lee County and the month of April 2007 shall be designated as Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

**Duly Executed this 3rd day of April, 2007.**



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**Chairman**