



# *Milwaukee County*

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### **SUPERVISOR BIDDLE OBSERVES HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY**

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Eyon Biddle, Sr., is calling attention to today's observance of Human Trafficking Awareness Day. January 11 was designated for this purpose by an act of Congress. Supervisor Biddle is calling upon Milwaukee County residents to become more aware of trafficking crimes and learn how to get involved in stopping it.

"I'm glad that the global observation of Human Trafficking Awareness Day is bringing attention to the innocent people who are victimized in Milwaukee and around the world," Supervisor Biddle said. "We must do everything we can to serve these victims and hold offenders of this horrific practice accountable."

The U.S. Government recently reported that 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders each year. Of those 80% are female and almost half are minors.

In November, the County Board unanimously approved a resolution authored by Supervisor Biddle to create a Human Trafficking Task Force in Milwaukee County to develop ways to reduce human trafficking and provide resources to victims. The first meeting of the Task Force will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24 at the Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet Street in Milwaukee.

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