

# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

Whereas, New York State has consistently championed freedom and equality for all of its people; and

Whereas, New York has long promoted human rights, welcoming individuals from the world's most vulnerable populations to pursue economic opportunities without fear of exploitation or discrimination; and

Whereas, although over 1,000 survivors have been officially identified through New York State's human trafficking victim confirmation process and aggressive prosecutions have been pursued by district attorney's offices throughout the state, those suffering as a result of criminal activity on the part of their traffickers continue to be intimidated due to extreme fear, violence, restriction of movement, and blocked access to services; and

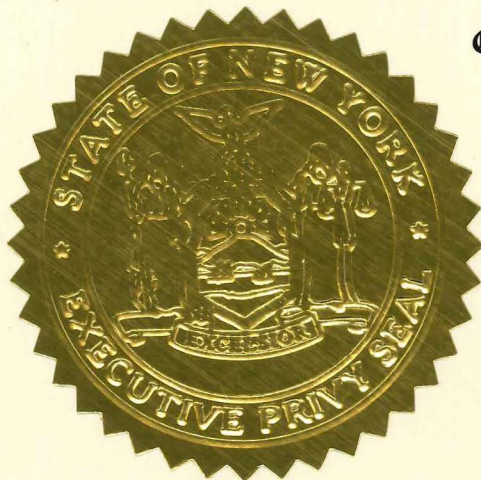
Whereas, New York State has further strengthened its commitment to victims of this heinous crime by providing them with the best services possible through partnerships with skilled service providers; and

Whereas, throughout January we will illuminate the subject, encourage discussion and conduct steadfast outreach through all corners of our state to support and serve victims, and embolden our prosecutorial agencies and law enforcement offices to make New York a place where traffickers will not succeed at their practice, circumvent our criminal justice system, or violate basic human rights;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim January 2018 as

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this seventh day of  
January in the year two thousand eighteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor  
Melissa DeRosa