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Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners and Jefferson County Department of Human Services support HB 04-1273 Concerning Human Trafficking by Representatives McCann and Wright and Senators Newell, Schwartz and Kefalas.

- Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners issued a proclamation on November 26, 2013 opposing all human trafficking and stating that they wish to raise awareness about the signs and consequences of human trafficking, by promoting opposition to human trafficking in all forms and encouraging support for the survivors of human trafficking, and to prosecute and end the demand for these victims, to end the criminal activity, and to restore freedom and dignity to its survivors.

HB 04-1273 assists in ending human trafficking, enhancing prosecution and assisting victims in recovery and promoting a long term plan on this issue, therefore it is supported by this proclamation.

- The Protected Innocence Challenge (2013 Shared Hope International) has given Colorado's human trafficking laws a grade of D in regards to criminalization of domestic minor sex trafficking, criminal provisions addressing demand, criminal provisions for traffickers, criminal provisions for facilitators, protective provisions for Child Victims and Criminal Justice Tools for Investigation and Prosecution.

HB 04-1273 addresses this poor performance and moves Colorado forward in a proactive manner to address this issue.

- According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation there are more than 100,000 children in the United States involved in human trafficking. Studies further indicate that anywhere from fifty to eighty percent of victims of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) are or were formerly involved with child welfare. National data states that the average age for trafficking victims is between 12-15.

HB 04-1273 provides a mechanism to address issues of human trafficking through multiple disciplines to assist in identifying gaps, resource needs, and methods to protect and assist our victims as they recover from this horrible crime.

Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners and Department of Human Services encourages support for HB 04-1273.

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THE PROTECTED INNOCENCE CHALLENGE

The Protected Innocence Challenge is a comprehensive legislative analysis for each state, designed to inspire and equip advocates and legislators. Under the Challenge, every state receives a Report Card that grades the state on 41 key legislative components within six categories that must be addressed in the state's laws in order to effectively respond to domestic minor sex trafficking. A complete analysis of this 41-component review and practical recommendations for improvement serve as a blueprint for policy makers to establish the foundational policies needed in each state to create a safe environment for children.

Every state is graded on its laws in the following six categories:

1. Criminalization of domestic minor sex trafficking
2. Criminal provisions addressing demand (buyers)
3. Criminal provisions for traffickers (pimps)
4. Criminal provisions for facilitators (hotels, transports, websites etc.)
5. Protective provisions for the child victims
6. Criminal justice tools for investigation and prosecutions

The methodology was vetted by Ambassador Mark Lagon (U.S. Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Person 2007-09), the National District Attorneys Association; American Bar Association (ABA) Center on Children and the Law; ECPAT-USA; the Protection Project at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (Washington, D.C.); Children at Risk (Houston, Texas); and youthSpark (formerly the Juvenile Justice Fund) (Atlanta, Georgia).

2013 LEGISLATIVE ADVANCEMENTS

- 793 bills that relate to domestic minor sex trafficking were introduced in 48 states and the District of Columbia.
- 47 states enacted 186 bills relating to domestic minor sex trafficking.
- 40 states enacted bills that impact the Protected Innocence Challenge framework.
- 29 states raised their grade and 8 states raised their grade two grade levels
- Most improved score: Wyoming
- Highest Score: Tennessee

2012 Grade	2013 Grade	States
B	A	LA, WA
C	A	TN
C	B	MA, MN
D	B	KY, MS, NV, OR
D	C	AL, IA, MD, NJ, NC, SC, UT, VT
F	C	AR, KS, WY
F	D	CT, DC, ID, MT, NH, NM, ND, VA, WV

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	<i>Criminalization of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking</i>	<i>Criminal Provisions Addressing Demand</i>	<i>Criminal Provisions for Traffickers</i>	<i>Criminal Provisions for Facilitators</i>	<i>Protective Provisions for Child Victims</i>	<i>Criminal Justice Tools for Investigation and Prosecution</i>	Total	Grade
Total Possible	10	25	15	10	27.5	15	100	A-F
Alabama	7	16	15	7.5	14.5	15	75	C
Alaska	5	16	14.5	9.5	18.5	12	75.5	C
Arizona	7.5	20.5	14.5	7.5	15	12.5	77.5	C
Arkansas	10	20	12	3.5	12.5	12.5	70.5	C
California	7.5	4	9	3.5	18.5	7.5	50	F
Colorado	5	20	12	4.5	18.5	7.5	67.5	D
Connecticut	8.5	15	14.5	5	14	5	62	D
D.C.	6	16.5	9	7	17.5	5	61	D
Delaware	7.5	17	12.5	5	16	7.5	65.5	D
Florida	7.5	18	15	6	20.5	15	82	B
Georgia	10	24	14.5	5	19	9.5	82	B
Hawaii	5	14.5	11.5	5	11.5	7	54.5	F
Idaho	7.5	18	15	5	8.5	10	64	D
Illinois	10	20.5	14.5	7.5	23.5	10	86	B
Indiana	7.5	13.5	14	4.5	21	15	75.5	C
Iowa	10	20	11.5	6	18	10	75.5	C
Kansas	10	19	13	6	15.5	10	73.5	C
Kentucky	10	18	14.5	6	23	10	81.5	B
Louisiana	10	25	15	10	21	12	93	A
Maine	5	14	11.5	6	12.5	5	54	F
Maryland	7.5	17.5	12	7	14	15	73	C
Massachusetts	10	21	15	7.5	17.5	10	81	B
Michigan	7.5	6.5	10.5	7	11.5	10	53	F
Minnesota	10	18	14	7	22	15	86	B
Mississippi	10	24.5	15	7.5	21	7.5	85.5	B
Missouri	7.5	22.5	14.5	9	18.5	12.5	84.5	B
Montana	6	22	12.5	6	12	7.5	66	D
Nebraska	10	20	10	3.5	13	12	68.5	D
Nevada	7.5	23.5	14.5	7	18	12	82.5	B
New Hampshire	8	16.5	14.5	3.5	12.5	7	62	D
New Jersey	10	21	11.5	7	18	9.5	77	C
New Mexico	7.5	13	11.5	6	15	10	63	D
New York	8.5	11.5	11	9	16.5	10	66.5	D
North Carolina	10	22	12.5	4.5	20	10	79	C
North Dakota	7.5	16.5	14.5	7	10.5	7.5	63.5	D
Ohio	8.5	17	13.5	4.5	14	15	72.5	C
Oklahoma	10	16.5	14	7.5	16.5	9.5	74	C
Oregon	9.5	20	14.5	7	19	15	85	B
Pennsylvania	5	14	11	3	13	12	58	F
Rhode Island	10	20.5	12	7.5	9.5	9.5	69	D
South Carolina	9.5	20	11	6	17	7.5	71	C
South Dakota	8	15	14	7	6.5	7	57.5	F
Tennessee	10	24.5	15	10	21.5	12.5	93.5	A
Texas	10	23.5	14.5	7.5	17	15	87.5	B
Utah	9.5	20.5	15	7.5	12.5	9.5	74.5	C
Vermont	7.5	16	10	5.5	24.5	7.5	71	C
Virginia	5	15	12	5	12	12	61	D
Washington	10	24	14.5	9.5	22	12.5	92.5	A
West Virginia	7.5	18	11.5	3.5	13	12	65.5	D
Wisconsin	7.5	21	14.5	7.5	17	10	77.5	C
Wyoming	10	15.5	12.5	3.5	21.5	7.5	70.5	C



PROCLAMATION

Children and Youth Leadership Commission Human Trafficking

November 2013

WHEREAS: on February 1, 1865 Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Once ratified it officially outlawed slavery and involuntary servitude except as punishment for a crime; and

WHEREAS: human trafficking is modern day slavery, a practice that is in direct opposition to our fundamental principles of liberty and human rights upon which our nation was founded, and

WHEREAS: human trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, harbored, obtained, or exported through force, fraud or coercion for the purposes of sexual or labor exploitation, involuntary servitude; and other types of mental and physical abuse; and

WHEREAS: the sexual exploitation of children and human trafficking is one of the greatest human rights abuses of all time; and

WHEREAS: around the world and in Jefferson County, Colorado, men, women and children are bought, sold, beaten and abused for money, a modern day slavery; and

WHEREAS: the people of Jefferson County regardless of political persuasion, creed, race or national origin stand together to protect the fundamental freedoms and rights of all persons, to fight the proliferation of human trafficking in all its forms and to assist survivors of modern day slavery; and

WHEREAS: Jefferson County stands committed to protecting human rights and individual freedom by eliminating human trafficking; to take effective action to protect our children by vigorously investigating and prosecuting the exploiters; and ensure victims have a safe and nurturing environment giving them an opportunity to thrive; and

WHEREAS: Jefferson County will take action to empower investigators, law enforcement, caseworkers and counselors with the training and tools they need, and will work to help men, women and children escape their abusers and rebuild their lives, and

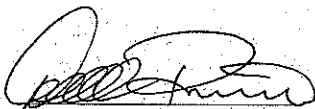
WHEREAS: Jefferson County urges the State and Federal Legislators to pass comprehensive anti-trafficking laws, enforce them rigorously and care for survivors; and

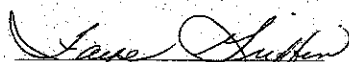
WHEREAS: human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world today and is tied with arms smuggling as the second largest international criminal industry, falling only behind the illegal drug trade; and

WHEREAS: we recognize that Colorado is a prime location and known as a victim source state and a destination state with high demand,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners for Jefferson County, State of Colorado, hereby wishes to raise awareness about the signs and consequences of human trafficking, by promoting opposition to human trafficking in all forms and encouraging support for the survivors of human trafficking, and to prosecute and end the demand for these victims, to end the criminal activity, and to restore freedom and dignity to its survivors.




Donald Rosier, Chairman


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