WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA

RESOLUTION NO. 12,472

PROCLAMATION

- **WHEREAS,** the United States was founded upon the principle that all people are created with the unalienable right to freedom, and added the 13th amendment to the Constitution making slavery illegal; and
- WHEREAS, slavery within the United States today is most often found in the form of forced labor and sex trafficking, which weakens our social fabric, increases violence and organized crime, and debases our humanity; and
- WHEREAS, this problem is found even within our community; and
- WHEREAS, every business, community organization, faith community, family and individual can make a difference by choosing products that are not made by forced labor; by working to protect our young people from sexual exploitation; by addressing the problems of internet sex trafficking and pornography; and by becoming more aware of the problem and possible solutions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Woodbury County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2017 as

"SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH"

in Woodbury County, Iowa and urge all citizens to become more familiar with the problem and to work towards solutions.

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