

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Proclamation for Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness
and Prevention Month

Whereas, the United States was founded under the principle that all people are created with the inalienable right to freedom, and added the 13th amendment to the Constitution making slavery illegal;

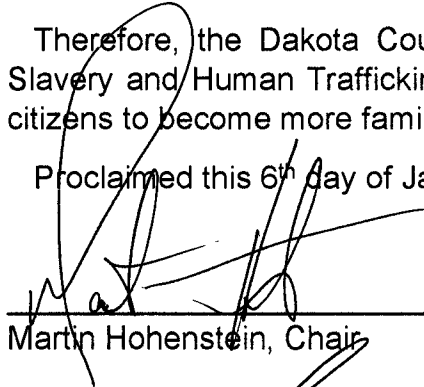
Whereas slavery within the United States today is most often found in the form of forced labor and sex trafficking, which weakens our social fabric, increases violence and organized crime, and debases our humanity;

Whereas this problem is found even within our community;

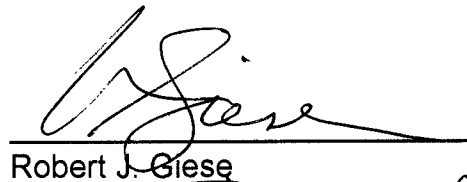
Whereas every business, community organization, faith community, family and individual can make a difference by choosing products that are not made by forced labor; by working to protect our young people from sexual exploitation; by addressing the problems of internet sex trafficking and pornography; and by becoming more aware of the problem and possible solutions;

Therefore, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, acknowledge January as Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month, and encourage our citizens to become more familiar with the problem and to work toward solutions.

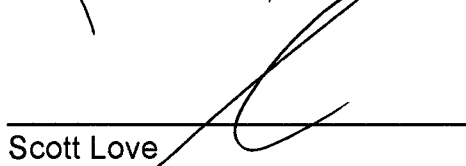
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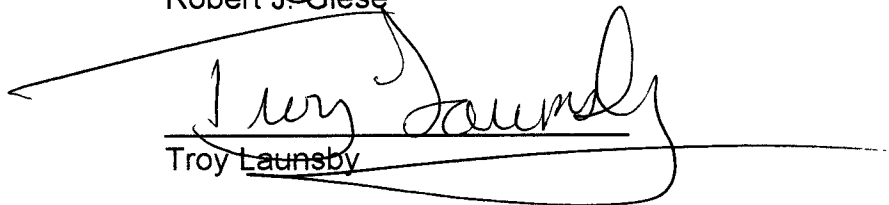
Martin Hohenstein, Chair



Robert J. Giese



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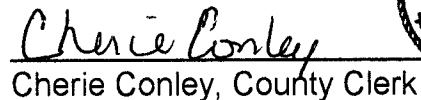


Troy Launsby

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Brian Van Berkum

Witnessed:



Cherie Conley, County Clerk

