



ISLAND OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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PROCLAMATION NO. 2011-002

Proclaiming the month of January 2011, as

“Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month”

WHEREAS, public safety and law enforcement officials, along with victim advocates fight every day to protect women and children who are preyed upon for forced marriage, commercial sexual exploitation, forced labor, labor obtained through debt bondage, involuntary servitude, slavery, and slavery by descent—also known as human trafficking.

To combat human trafficking in Guam and in the nation, island residents and federal, state, and local governments must be aware of the harsh realities of this crime and collaborate effectively to end it. **Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month** highlights the people who protect the God-given human rights and dignity of our most vulnerable, and encourages our families and neighbors to be vigilant in their communities and compassionate to those who suffer.

Year after year, too many women and children are physically and emotionally abused. Too often, people are assigned a value, sold, and traded—taking away the priceless beauty of the human spirit. Fear and intimidation replace love and care more than it should.

But there is always hope. On Guam, local and federal law enforcement, social service, victim advocacy, medical, mental health and educational organizations, and other community stakeholders work together to prevent this despicable act, hold criminals involved responsible and accountable, and help victims of human trafficking.

The Calvo Tenorio administration will lead by example, by helping the people fighting this cause during and after **Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month**.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, *I Maga' Låhen Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim the month of **January 2011**, as **Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month**. I strongly urge the people of Guam to arm themselves with information about this crime, show compassion to the victims of this awful act, and support the brave men and women who offer protection and advocacy day in and day out.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña* on this fourteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, *Anno Domini*, Two Thousand Eleven.


EDDIE BAZA CALVO
I Maga' Låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:


RAY TENORIO
I Segundo Na Maga' Låhen Guåhan
Lieutenant Governor of Guam

