



**ANDY BESHEAR**  
GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**Secretary of State**  
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Human trafficking involves the exploitation of individuals through force, fraud, or coercion. Victims may be compelled into commercial sex, domestic servitude, or other forms of forced labor.

Human trafficking occurs worldwide, affecting communities of all sizes and backgrounds, including communities in our state. The Kentucky Derby can be an especially dangerous time for those vulnerable to human trafficking, as it brings thousands of visitors and large crowds to the Commonwealth.

The First Lady and I have been committed to supporting the survivors of human trafficking and to making sure that no one else experiences the same trauma.

Ending human trafficking takes all of us. Law enforcement, businesses and other entities, and citizens must work together to identify victims, disrupt trafficking operations, and bring offenders to justice.

To facilitate that work, we need to bring greater visibility to the issue of human trafficking and encourage public involvement and prevention efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution and KRS 12.029, do hereby Declare, Order and Direct the following:

- I. The First Lady's Human Trafficking Awareness Coalition is hereby created and attached to the Office of the Governor for administrative purposes.
- II. The members of the First Lady's Human Trafficking Awareness Coalition shall be appointed by the Governor. The initial Task Force shall be composed of the following members:
  - a. **First Lady Britainy Beshear**;
  - b. **Phillip Burnett, Jr.**, Commissioner, Kentucky State Police;
  - c. **Amy Hess**, Executive Director, Kentucky Office of Homeland Security;
  - d. **Josh Keats**, Senior Director of Security, Executive Protection, Churchill Downs;
  - e. **Gerina Whethers**, Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney;
  - f. **Deanna Lynn Spangler**, survivor leader and advocate;
  - g. **Aundrea Lewis**, Deputy Commissioner, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental, and Intellectual Disabilities, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services;



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- h. **David James**, Sheriff, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office;
- i. **Corenza Townsend**, Chief Administrative Officer, Norton Healthcare;
- j. **Kelly Jones**, Deputy Director, Louisville Metro Emergency Services;
- k. **Matt Gibson**, President/CEO, Kentucky Derby Festival, Inc.;
- l. **Corey Krill**, Director of Government Relations, Churchill Downs;
- m. **Jeremy Murrell**, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Counter Exploitation, Office of the Attorney General;
- n. **Olivia D. Olson**, Special Agent in Charge, FBI Louisville; and
- o. **Bill Lamb**, President, WDRB Media;

Please issue commissions to them.

- III. The First Lady shall be the Chair of the Coalition.
- IV. The members of the First Lady's Human Trafficking Awareness Coalition shall serve for terms of four (4) years. In the event of a vacancy occurring other than by the expiration of a term, the Governor shall appoint a member for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- V. The Coalition shall convene at the call of the First Lady.
- VI. The First Lady's Human Trafficking Awareness Coalition shall provide an annual report to the Governor on or before January 31 each year setting forth the Coalition's activities, as well as any findings and/or recommendations.

This order shall be effective March 26, 2026.

  
ANDY BESHEAR, Governor  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

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MICHAEL G. ADAMS  
Secretary of State