Greetings in the New Year!

There is much happening regarding January 11, National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on a national, state, and local level!

President Obama has proclaimed January 2010 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, urging all Americans to become educated about human trafficking so that we can put an end to this modern day slavery. A copy of the proclamation is attached. You can also access it at http://www.whitehouse.gov by entering "proclamations" in the search box.

Ohio State Senator Theresa Fedor has organized a Human Trafficking Awareness Forum to be held 8:30 - 11:30 am at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. The agenda includes a keynote address by Ambassador Mark Lagon, CEO of Polaris Project, remarks by Ohio Attorney General Cordray and U.S. Attorneys Carter Stewart and Steve Dettelbach, and panel discussions. The flyer and agenda for the day are attached.

More locally, various events in Chardon, Cleveland, and Canton are scheduled to mark January 11, as described on the attached flyer from the Collaborative Initiative. Please join in the events where possible.

If you would like a program or materials regarding human trafficking for your group or organization in this new year, please contact us at 440-356-2254 or email the Collaborative at collaborative_initiative@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

The Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking