



GFWC Signature Program Report- January 2020

HUMAN TRAFFICKING !

Defined as the trade of humans for the purpose of forced labor, sexual slavery, or commercial sexual exploitation for the trafficker or others. Especially vulnerable are women and children and this does not necessarily involve the movement of the person from one place to another.

To quote the Secretary of State, 2019 Trafficking in Person Report, "Human Trafficking is one of the most heinous crimes on Earth. Right now traffickers are robbing a staggering 24.9 million people of their freedom and basic human dignity—that's roughly three times the population of New York City. We must band together and build momentum to defeat human trafficking. We must hold the perpetrators of this heinous crime accountable. We must achieve justice for survivors as they rebuild their lives. We must reinvigorate our shared commitment to extinguish human trafficking wherever it exists. There is no time to waste."

GFWC We ARE stepping up to educate our membership and our communities of this crime against our women and children!! One of the goals of the 2018-2020 GFWC Signature Program Committee was to enhance and increase participation of the Signature Program, with a name adjustment to include Human Trafficking in the description of the Signature Program. This would allow GFWC to cooperate with many more agencies in our community and our nation, thus working together against this crime in our current world! The GFWC Signature Program Committee Members are pleased to share this new GFWC Standing Rule....

6. SPECIAL PROGRAMS

a. The Signature Program shall be Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention. The scope of the Signature Program includes: * Intimate Partner Abuse * Child Abuse * Teen Dating Violence * Campus Sexual Assault * Elder Abuse * Violence Against Native American Women * Military Sexual Assault * Human Trafficking for Sexual Purposes. The program shall be reviewed, at minimum, every ten years for relevance and content. The review committee shall be composed of the eight Region Presidents, and the President-elect, who shall serve as chairman. The final report of the committee will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. PROVISIO: to take effect with the 2020-2022 Administration.

One exciting movement currently is the cooperation of the NFL with local entities to combat human trafficking during the Super Bowl. The effort is to enlist people to help law enforcement by working with the hospitality industry and ride-hailing services to be aware of what is happening in hotels and vehicles and to recognize when something doesn't seem right. This is something that will take all efforts to make this happen and this effort must never stop!

Thank you GFWC Clubwomen for your concern and dedication to helping with this issue! With your projects and activities, our organization is addressing human trafficking and working together with agencies and individuals to find solutions plus offer assistance to victims. Keep this effort going GFWC!!!