

PROCLAMATION

In Recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Day January 11, 2013

Human Trafficking is a form of modern day slavery involving the use of force, fraud and/or coercion for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor. Human Trafficking takes the form of sex trafficking, labor trafficking, and the trafficking of minors, and the United Nations International Labor Organization has estimated that 20.9 million adults and children worldwide are currently in forced labor or sexually exploited. Approximately one-quarter of these victims are children.

In the United States, it is estimated by the U.S. Department of State that between 600,000 and 800,000 people are trafficked annually across international borders, and between 14,500 and 17,500 persons are trafficked annually into the United States.

Legislation has been introduced in New Jersey to raise awareness about this issue and to support the declaration of January 11 of each year as a “National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSAN A. COLE, President of Montclair State University, hereby proclaim January 11, 2013 as “*Human Trafficking Awareness Day*” at Montclair State University, and I encourage the campus community to deepen its knowledge about this important issue.

SUSAN A. COLE
January 2, 2013