

**County Executive**  
**of**  
**Howard County, Maryland**

**Executive Order: 2015-10**  
**Dated: August 28, 2015**  
**Subject: Use of Human Trafficking**  
**Forfeiture Funds in Howard County**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Title 13, Subtitle 5 of the Criminal Procedure Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, the Howard County Department of Police has the authority to seize certain property or assets, including money, used in violation of State Human Trafficking Law, as defined in section 13-501(g) of the Criminal Procedure Article; and

**WHEREAS**, an item that is seized may be subject to forfeiture as provided in Title 13, Subtitle 5 of the Criminal Procedure Article and, upon forfeiture, the County may retain money seized or sell a tangible item and retain the proceeds of the sale of that item; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Executive is concerned about human trafficking and its impact on its victims and the County; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about February 3, 2014, the Howard County Council passed Council Resolution No. 8-2014 that created the Howard County Human Trafficking Task Force (“Task Force”); and

**WHEREAS**, on or about December 1, 2014, the Task Force issued recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, Task Force recommendation 4.7 suggests that “a portion of the proceeds from assets seized in human trafficking crimes” be deposited into a survivor support trust fund to assist with survivor needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Executive agrees with the Task Force and wants to ensure that there are effective resources to combat the human trafficking problem, through enforcement, education, and prevention, in addition to the provision of support services for victims; and

**WHEREAS**, during the remainder of Fiscal Year 2016, the County will designate human trafficking forfeiture proceeds for human trafficking enforcement, education, prevention and for the provision of support services for victims; and

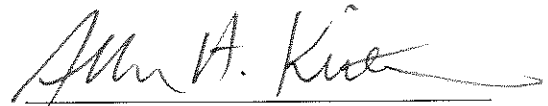
**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the Task Force's recommendation, in Fiscal Year 2017 a Human Trafficking Forfeiture Fund will be created to house these funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** that forfeited monies received by Howard County or proceeds obtained from the forfeiture and sale of property in violation of State Human Trafficking Laws may be used for the following special activities:

1. Victim support services for such basic needs as food, clothing, housing, transportation, counseling and medical care.
2. Overtime salary expenses incurred as a result of human trafficking investigations or overtime expenses incurred for human trafficking enforcement, prevention, or education programs.
3. Equipment required for human trafficking-related enforcement, education, or prevention programs.
4. Staff training related to human trafficking enforcement, education, or prevention programs.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, once a Human Trafficking Forfeiture Fund is established, funds received by Howard County as a result of the forfeiture of monies or proceeds of the sale of property shall be administered by the Chief Administrative Officer of the County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I, Allan Kittleman, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Howard County to be affixed this 28 th day of August, 2015.

  
Allan H. Kittleman  
County Executive

