



# The State of Maryland

## Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
01.01.2018.02

### Access to Services for Human Trafficking Victims and Survivors

- WHEREAS, There is a National Human Trafficking Hotline which is a national hotline that serves victims and survivors of human trafficking in the United States;
- WHEREAS, The National Human Trafficking Hotline is a resource identified and required by State law to be posted in various locations to assist victims of human trafficking;
- WHEREAS, Human trafficking occurs throughout the United States including in the State of Maryland;
- WHEREAS, The “BeFree Textline,” which is operated by the same organization as the National Human Trafficking Hotline, allows victims and survivors to send a text message to get help or find local services;
- WHEREAS, Both of these services provide an important public benefit for citizens and data and technology are important tools for pursuing traffickers; and
- WHEREAS, The Executive Branch of State government (“State Government”) can assist victims of human trafficking by directing them to these resources on their websites.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:
- A. Each State Government unit and agency shall prominently display information on the homepage of their web sites regarding the National Human Trafficking Hotline and the BeFree Textline.

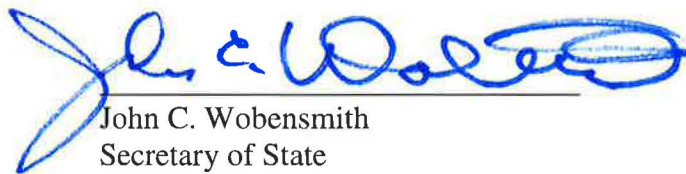
- B. The Maryland Department of Information Technology (DoIT) shall assist State Government units and agencies in this endeavor.
- C. Each State Government unit and agency shall complete this task by April 1, 2018.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2018.



  
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Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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John C. Wobensmith  
Secretary of State