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FOP Recognizes National Slavery and Human Trafficking Month *Partners with Congress and Administration to fight trafficking*

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, applauded President Donald J. Trump's declaration that January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Month. The FOP joined Members of Congress and other Federal components in renewing our commitment to combat and reduce human trafficking in the United States.

"In the fight against human trafficking, law enforcement is on the front line fighting against traffickers and rescuing victims," said Canterbury. "The FOP has played a major role in moving anti-trafficking legislation through Congress in recent years and we continue to do so."

Canterbury renewed his call for the Senate to consider and pass S. 1693, the "Stop Enabling Sex Trafficking Act (SESTA)," this month. The bill would clarify Congressional intent with respect to Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act (CDA) of 1996. The CDA is intended to protect websites and service providers which do not provide Internet content. It was never meant to allow bad actors like Backpage.com, which makes money by directly and knowingly promoting and facilitating sex trafficking. Passing SESTA would allow law enforcement officers to investigate and prosecute those who would profit from these horrible crimes.

"Because it is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Month, I think it's an excellent time for the Senate to move this legislation," Canterbury said.

The FOP has also partnered with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which administers the Blue Campaign, to raise awareness about human trafficking--how to spot it and how to prevent it. The FOP supports their efforts like today's #WearBlueDay along with social media tools like Facebook Live and platforms like Thunderclap to keep the focus on ending human trafficking.

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