

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**FORT BEND COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE TAKES STRONG STAND AGAINST  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING DURING NATIONAL OBSERVANCE**

Fort Bend County, Texas — In recognition of Human Trafficking Prevention Month, the Fort Bend County District Clerk's Office, under the leadership of District Clerk Beverley McGrew Walker, is taking proactive measures to combat human trafficking and to protect our community.

With an annual processing volume of passport applications surpassing that of the entire Houston regional passport offices, District Clerk Walker and her team, spearheaded by William "Bill" Bobrick, have recognized the need for heightened awareness and training. Acknowledging the significance of their role in the community, all passport agents in the office will undergo specialized training to identify and report potential human trafficking victims who may seek services at the passport office.

The comprehensive training will be conducted by the Human Trafficking Division of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Fagan expressed the importance of collaboration in addressing the human trafficking challenges faced by the Houston area, particularly in Fort Bend County.

"The Houston area, which includes Fort Bend County, is often faced with human trafficking activity due to our proximity to the US-Mexican international border. Our dedicated staff is on the front lines of keeping the citizens of Fort Bend County and the state of Texas safe from this insidious crime," stated Fort Bend County District Clerk Beverley McGrew Walker.

The Fort Bend County District Clerk's Office values its close working relationship with the Sheriff's Office. Both entities are committed to working collaboratively to ensure the safety and well-being of the community.

This initiative aligns with the national effort to raise awareness about human trafficking and empower communities to prevent and respond to this grave issue. The Fort Bend County District Clerk's Office remains dedicated to its role as a community leader in the fight against human trafficking.