

Not in My City, Not in My State Campaign

Human trafficking, one of the fastest growing crimes, is one of the most unifying social justice issues of our time. The **Not in My City, Not in My State Campaign** brings people together in agreement. It is a multi-city movement that has been launched to engage local communities who want to use their time, talent and treasure to fight the issue of human trafficking.

Community leaders and activists can come together with this simple but effective campaign to make a public stand together and show their city they will not tolerate human trafficking in their community.

This year on **National Human Trafficking Awareness Day (January 11, 2016)**, Courage Worldwide held a Not in My City Rally. City, county, and state proclamations were secured and several press conferences were held in Elk Grove and Sacramento, CA as well as the State Capitol.

Launch this campaign in your city or county.

Here's how:

1. **Secure a Not in My City Proclamation** (below) through your mayor's office. This can be adapted for a county or state proclamation.
2. **Host a Not in My City Rally.** This can be on National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11th or another day of your choosing at city hall or another appropriate venue. Invite key city leaders to come and speak briefly and read the city proclamation. Supporting organizations can be encouraged to bring signage to show their support and solidarity.

3. **Invite the local press.** Ask your city leaders to also send out a press release to their contacts. (sample press release below)

Contact Information:

Email: notinmycity@courageworldwide.org for more information and to let us know you are doing this campaign.

Phone: 916-517- 1616 (Courage Worldwide offices*)

Social Media: Not in My City. Not in My State Facebook page will post your event- invite people to like and engage on this page.

**Although this campaign has been launched by Courage Worldwide and the logos are trademarked, is not for the sole purpose of promoting any one organization. The heart behind it is to unite a city together in the fight against human trafficking.*

Suggested groups to reach out to endorse and participate in the Not in My City, Not in My State Campaign

- District Attorney's Office
- Board of supervisors (Sacramento did a county proclamation too)
- Key non-profits (related to human trafficking) and human trafficking coalition groups
- Faith-based community
- Schools: junior high, high school, college
- Political leaders
- Law Enforcement: corrections, CHP, police department, sheriff, probation
- Law Enforcement Chaplaincy
- Businesses- Metro Chambers, others
- Clubs- Rotary, Soroptimist, Lion's, Kiwani's, etc.
- Hotels/Casinos
- Healthcare-
- CPS, Child Welfare, Foster Care
- Sports Teams
- Celebrities- local ones
- Political leaders
- Cross-cultural groups
- Massage therapists (many are tired of their industry being used for a front and they want to make a stand)

Not in My City, Not in My State Proclamation

WHEREAS, The issue of human trafficking is the fastest growing crime both globally and nationally. It is a crime against humanity- against human dignity and basic civil rights. Every person has value and rights that our society and laws must uphold and protect. And,

WHEREAS, each and every citizen has a right to feel safe in the community that they live. And,

WHEREAS, Human trafficking- whether labor trafficking or sex trafficking- is modern day slavery, it is not only happening overseas, but in our own backyards. It is happening in the United States, California, and even in our city of_____. It is happening to men, to women and to our children. And,

WHEREAS, The issue of human trafficking is the most unifying social justice issue of our day, **The Not in My City, Not in My State Campaign** is strategic in **taking back** the reputation of our city to show the community that the city of_____ is making a stand against all forms of human trafficking and pledging to effectively work together to end this crime of human trafficking that targets our most vulnerable populations.

THEREFORE, the city of _____ resolves to remain informed about the problem in its local context, work to protect victims of human trafficking with effective services and support, prosecute traffickers through consistent enforcement to the full extent of the law, prevent human rights abuses by furthering public awareness and confronting the causes and modern slavery.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council for the city of _____proclaims that ***“we will not tolerate anyone in our city being exploited and/or sold in any manner -under our watch”. We will declare “Not in my City” “Not in my County” and “Not in my State” and publicly recognize January 11th as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day at a local level, this year and each year thereafter.***