

## Program – **Aaron** and **Laudi**

### **Formal Event starts at 10 a.m.**

- Aaron – Welcome (4 minutes)
- **10:00-10:05 a.m.**
  - Use a powerful quote to begin.
  - Welcome Elected Officials, VIP's, Sponsors
  - Explain in few sentences what FA is
  - Talk about website & social media
- Thomas Lares (4 minutes)
  - **10:05-10:09 a.m.**
  - Talks about the story of why this movement began, he will share his personal experience and how this fight began as a dream that became a reality. Thomas introduces Commissioner Ortiz
- Commissioner Ortiz (4 minutes)
  - **10:10-10:14 a.m.**
  - Thank you, Tomas,
  - As a City Commissioner, my job is to serve the people and part of that means helping in furthering the prevention of senseless crimes like human trafficking from happening. To spread awareness and advocate for this cause, we are collaborating with Florida Abolitionist for this event because of their efforts in all areas of abolishing human trafficking.
  - Right here in the United States human trafficking, more widely known today as modern day slavery, is current and widespread. As stated by the National Human Trafficking Hotline there are 60,000 victims facing these atrocities in our own nation. In the last 10 years, we have had 3,200 cases right here in Florida and just last year there were 556 cases reported.
  - Florida Abolitionist is devoted to the relief of victims and in 2016 were able to save 275 people from an industry that has wreaked havoc on today's society and in our own community here in Orlando.
  - In April 2017 Florida Abolitionist participated in the inaugural Human Trafficking Advocacy Day Event in the

Florida State Capital. The event brought together citizens and elected officials with the mission of building an alliance of people who are passionate about ending modern day slavery, much like what we are doing here today.

- I'm proud to say that I have been a board member with Florida Abolitionist since the beginning and I have witnessed their hard work and dedication to such a significant cause. I would like to thank (board members' names) for getting the community involved by raising awareness and for their efforts in saving the lives of countless victims.
- The courage of survivors to thrive after living through such unspeakable conditions is truly inspiring and we brought you all here today in hopes that you would stand with us in our commitment to bringing human trafficking to an end.
- Although I am a city commissioner, I am also a father and I understand that I am not exempt from the effects of a personal tragedy that could be put into place by modern day slavery. This is not a small group battle, this is everybody's battle for it affects all of us and I'm committed to the fight with one goal in mind which is to **stop human trafficking**.
- Now let me introduce to you Mayor Buddy Dyer.
- Mayor Dyer (4 minutes)
  - **10:15-10:20 a.m.**
  - Thank you, Commissioner Ortiz.
  - I am proud that our community is continuing to come together to shine light on such an important topic. Human trafficking is a worldwide epidemic, one that we are not immune to in Central Florida.
  - But through education and partnership, we can continue to work toward ending it.
  - I'd like to thank the law enforcement agencies across Central Florida, including the Orlando Police Department, who work every day to save victims from this modern-day slavery and even help prevent people from becoming

victims. I would also like to recognize the work of Florida Abolitionist who is helping to rebuild the lives of victims and educate our entire community about human trafficking.

- It's so important that groups like Florida Abolitionist and our law enforcement agencies continue to partner to assist victims.
- And it's vital for our residents to know that they are part of the solution. If you see something that looks like human trafficking, let law enforcement know.
- Our community is committed to not only standing up for the victims, but also to stopping human trafficking.
- Thank you.
- Aaron Manners – Closing
  - **10:21-10:25 a.m.**
  - Talks about the art piece and what it represents. Acknowledges the artist and the event will end with the unveiling of the art piece that will be displayed as a mural.
- Pictures **10:26 a.m.**

**Formal event ends at 10:30 a.m.**

**Media Window:** 10 minutes