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***** Media Advisory for Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021 at noon *****

Florida State Representative Dianne Hart, Senator Bobby Powell and Community Leaders Announce Filing of Anti-Slavery Resolution

Tallahassee, Fla. – On Wednesday, Oct. 20, **Representative Dianne Hart (D-Tampa)** and **Senator Bobby Powell (D-West Palm Beach)** will be holding a press conference to announce the filing of a joint resolution to officially outlaw involuntary servitude in the State’s constitution. If passed by the legislature the measure will be placed on the ballot for Florida’s voters to officially remove the vestiges of slavery from our state.

WHO: **Representative Dianne Hart**
Senator Bobby Powell

WHAT: The End of Slavery in Florida

WHEN: Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021
Noon

WHERE: 4th Floor Rotunda

Representative Dianne Hart issued the following statement:

“Slavery is often thought to be a dark piece of history from long ago, but truly it is alive and well here in the State of Florida through the continuous practice of involuntary servitude in our state’s prisons. I am happy to work with Senator Powell and community leaders to move the State of Florida into the 21st century. I believe that the people of Florida are ready to remove the vestiges of slavery from our state once and for all.”

Senator Bobby Powell issued the following statement:

“Prison labor is a vestige of slavery and a dark time in American history. The continual use of prison labor, even amidst the dangerous Covid-19 pandemic, is cruel and inhumane. This is our chance to finally put an end to a shameful centuries’ long practice and to be an example to other states. Prison labor is revenue under the guise of rehabilitation and here in the state of Florida we should always value people over profit.”

Pastor Kenneth Sharpton Glasgow issued the following statement:

“We are very pleased that Representative Diane Hart and Senator Powell have taken on this endeavor. To finally bring an end to slavery and slave labor in America. Our hope and prayers are that other law makers in other states will follow and do the same so that we can bring an end to the exception clause in the 13th amendment of the United States Constitution.”

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