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### **MEDIA ADVISORY FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER TIM ECHOLS**

#### **Commissioner Echols to Host “Unholy Tour” on January 29, 2018**

January 24, 2018 – ATLANTA - Commissioner Tim Echols will host another “Unholy Tour” of Atlanta on Monday, January 29, 2018 for legislators to tour areas susceptible to human trafficking and the sex trade. The tour will depart from the Coverdell Legislative Office Building on Mitchell St. (Capitol Square) at 6:00 p.m., and will return at approximately 8:30 p.m. The bus will begin loading at 5:30 p.m. The media is invited to ride along but space is extremely limited and seats will be reserved on a first come, first served basis with priority given to members of the General Assembly, so please register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-unholy-tour-tickets-42040534370> or contact Faith Henning at [fhenning@psc.state.ga.us](mailto:fhenning@psc.state.ga.us) or 404-656-4515 by 5 p.m. on January 26, 2018 to confirm attendance. Participants will be available for interviews.

On a global scale, human trafficking, also known as “modern day slavery,” is the second largest criminal enterprise after drug trafficking. The number of victims today is approximately 28 million. Atlanta is ranked among the top cities for commercial sexual exploitation of children in the United States. The booming sex trade in Atlanta is intrinsically tied to the abominable act of human trafficking occurring in our nation.

In 2015, Comm. Echols organized the first Unholy Tour. As a result of the media coverage of the Unholy Tours, two teenage girls were rescued from a trafficker through cooperation between 4Sarah (charitable organization) and DeKalb County Special Victims Unit. In 2016, he took the tour to Savannah to highlight the human trafficking problem along Georgia’s coastal region.

Kasey McClure from the 4Sarah organization will be the tour guide showing the realities of the sex trade in the metro Atlanta area from the safety of the charter bus provided by Samson Trailways. 4Sarah’s mission is to provide outreach to women who are still in “the life” and to coordinate with other organizations to provide support and counseling to those who have gotten out. Other speakers from local organizations and law enforcement agencies will be sharing their experiences as well.

Members of law enforcement and the General Assembly will join the tour.

This is Commissioner Echols’ second term on the Georgia Public Service Commission, having been re-elected statewide in November 2016. You can find his complete biography and photo on the Commission web site at <http://www.psc.state.ga.us/pscinfo/bios/echols.asp?tab=Tab2>.

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