

D.A.D.S. PLEDGE

Today, I am making a commitment in my life to demonstrate the following, as a **D.A.D.**, before my family and friends:

- I **WILL** take a stand to denounce pornography, strip clubs, prostitution, or any form of the commercial sex industry.
- I **WILL** hold my friends accountable for their actions toward women and children.
- I **WILL** take immediate action to protect those I love from this destructive market.
- I **SEEK** to honor the power, purpose, and inherent worth of every person.
- I **UNDERSTAND** that human trafficking and sexual exploitation endanger the welfare of children, the family, and the community. Accepting such exploitation as inevitable is inconsistent with a human rights vision.
- I **RECOGNIZE** that children and adults who have been trafficked or sexually exploited should be treated as victims of a crime, not as criminals themselves.
- I **REALIZE** that there can be no social justice without social services, so I will advocate ensuring that young survivors of trafficking in the sex trade have the comprehensive support they need to exit exploitative systems and find **refuge** and **restoration**.
- I **UNDERSTAND** that sexual exploitation won't end until men end the demand for prostitution. As long as there is a commercial sex trade, our communities will be unsafe and unjust.
- I **ADVOCATE** for laws and policies that hold those who purchase children for sex, and those who profit from their sale, accountable for the harms they cause.
- I **SEEK** to challenge inaccurate media representations of human trafficking and sexual exploitation, while partnering with The Covering House and its supporters who endeavor to tell a more accurate story.
- I **BELIEVE** that *true refuge* means having **SAFETY**, **DIGNITY**, and **FREEDOM** from violence, exploitation, and oppression.



SIGNED,

FIRST NAME/LAST NAME

DATE