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## Guam Department of Education Hosts Human Trafficking Awareness Seminar on January 26, 2024

*Tiyan, Guam* - The Guam Department of Education's Division of Curriculum & Instruction - <u>Personal</u> <u>Responsibility Education Program is proud to sponsor a vital seminar on Human Trafficking Awareness,</u> <u>scheduled to take place on January 26, 2024, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm at the GDOE Tiyan Headquarters,</u> <u>Building B, 3rd floor conference room.</u>

This seminar aims to raise and broaden the understanding of the participants on the serious problem of human trafficking, and to provide them with knowledge and tools that can help them prevent and fight this atrocious crime.

The featured speaker for this important event is Kaleilani Grant, a renowned consultant from the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC). Ms. Grant brings a wealth of experience, having previously served as the assistant coordinator for the Department of the Attorney General Missing Child Center in Hawaii. Notably, she is a liaison to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and a training associate for the National Criminal Justice Training Center's AMBER Alert T/TA efforts.

As a survivor of sex trafficking, Ms. Grant's personal journey provides a unique perspective, offering invaluable insights into combating human trafficking. Recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice Programs and Delinquency Prevention, she has received special recognition for her leadership in anti-trafficking efforts and contributions to resource development for frontline responders.

Ms. Grant, a professional speaker and advocate, has presented on human trafficking to various agencies, including the U.S. Department of Defense Combatting Trafficking in Persons, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Native Americans and Administration for Children and Families, and Hawaii Supreme Court Justices. She is a graduate of Human Trafficking Leadership Academy Class 5, focusing on how culture can be a protective factor against human trafficking for Native youth.

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