



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JANUARY 2026 AS

# *National Human Trafficking Prevention Month*

WHEREAS, HUMAN TRAFFICKING is a modern form of slavery that involves depriving or violating the personal liberty of another with the intent to obtain forced labor, sex, or both; and

WHEREAS, as defined under U.S. federal law, HUMAN TRAFFICKING includes both labor trafficking, individuals forced into labor or services, and sex trafficking, including children involved in the sex trade and adults who are coerced, deceived, or forced into commercial sex acts; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that large-scale events such as the Super Bowl and the FIFA World Cup bring a significant influx of visitors to the region, the County of San Mateo is focusing on a heightened, coordinated effort for HUMAN TRAFFICKING prevention, education, awareness, training, and response; and

WHEREAS, in June 2025, Supervisors allocated funding to reinstate the San Mateo County HUMAN TRAFFICKING Task Force, strengthening coordination among local, state, and federal partners, including the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California, the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center; and

WHEREAS, in December 2025, the County convened a HUMAN TRAFFICKING Action Plan Kickoff attended by more than 230 stakeholders from law enforcement, nonprofit organizations, and private industry to prepare for upcoming major events and to advance a unified countywide response; and

WHEREAS, since the re-establishment of the HUMAN TRAFFICKING Task Force, the County has already assisted multiple cities with proactive enforcement actions and sting operations targeting illicit massage parlors, while also improving intelligence related to organized criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the County is actively investing in training and capacity-building for law enforcement, nonprofit partners, and private-sector stakeholders, including countywide and multi-day specialized HUMAN TRAFFICKING trainings sponsored by the District Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, the County is considering additional investments to further strengthen the HUMAN TRAFFICKING Unit, including new investigative positions, law enforcement resources, and essential equipment to ensure the task force remains fully operational and effective; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo remains steadfast in its commitment to raising awareness, supporting survivors, protecting vulnerable populations, and equipping law enforcement and prosecutors with the tools necessary to hold traffickers accountable and uphold human rights during large-scale events and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates **January 2026** as **NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH**, and reaffirms its dedication to preventing human trafficking, supporting survivors, and working collaboratively to eliminate this crime from our communities.

Dated: January 27, 2026

SUPERVISORS:

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