

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JANUARY 2025 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 or sex or both; and

WHEREAS, as defined under the U.S. federal law, human trafficking includes both labor trafficking – anyone forced into different forms of labor or services – and sex trafficking – children involved in the sex trade and adults 18 or over who are coerced or deceived into commercial sex acts; and

WHEREAS, California is considered a trafficking hotspot and the National Human Trafficking Hotline has identified 15,017 reports of potential human trafficking cases in California since 2007 based on phone calls, online tip forms, and emails; and

WHEREAS, nearly 25 years after the passing of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, an estimated 27.6 million people are subjected to human trafficking globally, generating approximately \$236 billion in illicit profits annually, with cases reported in every U.S. state; and

WHEREAS, strengthening communities requires collective action to reduce the conditions that enable exploitation, foster resilience, and create environments where individuals are safeguarded against human trafficking and other forms of violence, which the County is addressing through more coordinated efforts such as the forthcoming Family Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo is steadfast in its commitment to addressing vulnerable communities, raising awareness of trafficking throughout the county, supporting and serving survivors, and equipping law enforcement and prosecutors with the tools and training necessary to hold traffickers accountable and protect human rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates January 2025 as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, reaffirming its dedication to eliminating human trafficking.

Dated: January 28, 2025

SUPERVISORS:

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors