

# Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2015 AS

## Human Trafficking Prevention Month

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WHEREAS, Human Trafficking Prevention Month was established by President Barack Obama in January 2011 for the purpose of bringing attention to and increasing awareness of this abhorrent form of modern day slavery that is a crime against humanity, violating the most basic rights and depriving victims of their freedom; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking occurs when a person is controlled through force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labor, domestic servitude, debt bondage, or other methods of slavery; and

WHEREAS, human traffickers target men, women and children, both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals, isolating them from society and supportive networks and exploiting them for personal and monetary gain; and

WHEREAS, victims of human traffickers suffer emotional, psychological, and physical horrors at the hands of their captors who instill fear to keep them enslaved and it is essential to protect the rights of these survivors and to restore their dignity and freedom; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is committed to protecting the vulnerable and ending human trafficking through continued interagency efforts at prevention, prosecution, education and awareness, it is also critical to send a strong message to perpetrators that San Mateo County is a zero tolerance County for all forms of human trafficking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County designates January 2015, as Human Trafficking Prevention Month and hereby encourages the people of San Mateo County to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

Dated: January 13, 2015

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