

Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND SUPPORTING THE

Posting of Public Notices Regarding Slavery and Human Trafficking Upon enrollment of California Senate Bill 1193

WHEREAS, *San Mateo County is committed to freeing victims of the alarmingly prevalent practice of human trafficking, an act, which is defined by the Attorney General of California as controlling a person through force, fraud, or coercion to exploit the victim for forced labor, sexual exploitation, or both; and*

WHEREAS, *the United States Department of State estimates that 14,500 to 17,500 victims are trafficked into the United States each year and the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation has identified California as one of the nation's top four states for trafficked persons; and*

WHEREAS, *the California State Legislature adopted and the governor signed Senate Bill 1193 of 2012, which requires specified businesses, establishments and public areas, to post a notice informing the public and victims of human trafficking of their rights while providing contact information for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center and the California Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking; and*

WHEREAS, *San Mateo County is proud to join a regional effort to develop and adopt a standard poster that establishments may use to empower slavery and human trafficking victims who are not aware of the resources available to them; and*

WHEREAS, *San Mateo County supports efforts made by the California State Legislature to bring an end to the practice of slavery and human trafficking and has directed its agencies and departments to immediately comply with the requirements of Senate Bill 1193 of 2012 including compliance checks of the establishments with posting requirements; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby commends and supports California Senate Bill 1193 of 2012 and its requirements for the posting of public notices regarding slavery and human trafficking. The Board hereby calls upon all relevant San Mateo County agencies and departments to comply with the new requirements.

Dated: February 11, 2014

SUPERVISORS:

DAVE PINE, PRESIDENT

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors