

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JANUARY 2019 AS

Human Trafficking
Prevention Month

WHEREAS, in 2007, the United States Senate designated January 11 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, and beginning in 2010 by Presidential Proclamation, January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is modern day slavery and involves adult or child commercial sexual exploitation and labor exploitation; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a human rights violation, and a violation of both federal and California law. It promotes the breakdown of families and communities, fuels organized crime, deprives countries of human capital, undermines public health, and imposes large economic costs; and

WHEREAS, the crime of human trafficking is present in every country and every U.S. state, and forced labor, commercial sexual exploitation and involuntary domestic servitude have been found to exist within local communities; and

WHEREAS, the FBI has identified California and the San Francisco Bay Area as an area of high prevalence for human trafficking. Although human trafficking is illegal, victims often do not recognize their victimization, do not know that help is available, or where to seek assistance; and

WHEREAS, public awareness about human trafficking still needs to reach broader communities and communicate more information about the nuances of this crime; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo has dedicated resources including the San Mateo County Human Trafficking Program, and has supported the efforts of the San Mateo County Police Chiefs and Sheriff Association, and has partnered with other governmental and non-governmental organizations to identify and address human trafficking within San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo encourages all employers, officers, and residents to support the national and local fight against human trafficking.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, does hereby designate January 2019 as **HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH**.

Dated: January 29, 2019

SUPERVISORS:

CAROLE GROOM, PRESIDENT

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors