

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JANUARY 2021 AS

NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN
TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, former President Barack Obama designated January to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in a Presidential Proclamation in 2011; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery and an international civil rights crisis, including but not limited to sex and labor trafficking, with 71% of victims being women and girls, and 26% of victims being children; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, California consistently has the highest number of human trafficking cases in the United States; and

WHEREAS, anyone can become a victim of human trafficking regardless of background, gender, race, socioeconomic status, and/or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, many individuals in San Mateo County have been impacted by human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, nonprofits, private industry and non-governmental organizations, federal and state agencies, social service providers, law enforcement, and school boards, including the San Mateo County Board of Education and the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office, are working to end human trafficking in San Mateo County through programs and partnerships like the San Mateo County Human Trafficking program and Coalition of Safe Schools to better services for human trafficking victims and raise awareness of human trafficking within our community; and

WHEREAS, all communities must commit their best efforts to prevent human trafficking before it can happen, by encouraging healthy, protective, and supportive environments that prioritize human rights; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County strives to become a place where human trafficking and such forms of violence cease to exist and where individuals are afforded basic human rights and treated fully as humans worthy of respect and freedom

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors declares January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month - to improve efforts and resources to eliminate human trafficking and encourage all individuals to take a stand against human trafficking and modern-day slavery.

Dated: January 26, 2021

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: _____

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