



Humboldt County Board of Supervisors **PROCLAMATION**

recognizing

January 2026 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a serious crime and human rights violation that affects individuals of all ages, genders, and backgrounds, and involves the exploitation of people through force, fraud, or coercion for labor or commercial sex; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking occurs in communities of all sizes, including rural and coastal areas such as Humboldt County, and is often exacerbated by factors including geographic isolation, housing instability, substance use disorders, and economic vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, January is recognized nationally as Human Trafficking Awareness Month to increase public understanding of human trafficking, promote prevention and early intervention, and support survivors in their path to safety and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County works in coordination with local, state, and federal partners, as well as nonprofit and community-based organizations, to prevent human trafficking, identify victims, and provide trauma-informed, survivor-centered services and support, including the collaborative efforts of Humboldt County Child Welfare Services, the Northern California Coalition to Safeguard Communities, and the Humboldt County District Attorney's Victim Witness Services, which together provide prevention education, frontline staff training, victim advocacy, case coordination, and support throughout the justice and recovery process; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness and fostering collaboration among public agencies, service providers, and community partners are essential to reducing human trafficking, supporting survivors, and strengthening community safety and resilience.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims January 2026 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Humboldt County and encourages residents, organizations, and agencies to join in efforts to increase awareness, support survivors, and work collectively to prevent human trafficking.



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Mike Wilson, Chair