

PROCLAMATION

OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

WHEREAS, the United States was founded upon the principle that all people are created with the inalienable right of freedom, and added the 13th Amendment to the Constitution making slavery illegal; and

WHEREAS, slavery within the United States today is most often found in the form of human trafficking, which weakens our social fabric, increases violence and organized crime, and debases our humanity; and

WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking are typically forced to work in various forms of labor exploitation including, but not limited to commercial sex acts, drug processing and distribution, and other services induced through force, fraud, or coercion; and

WHEREAS, due to its isolating nature, many individuals locally and across the globe are unaware that trafficking exists in Humboldt County and neighboring counties; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 20 million men, women, and children around the world are victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, The Human Rights Commission, Empower, Protect and Invest and other concerned groups are working to abolish human trafficking through education, advocacy and collaboration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, hereby call upon the residents of Humboldt County to recognize the vital role they can play in ending all forms of slavery and to support the Human Rights Commission of Humboldt County as they raise awareness through education and other efforts to stop human trafficking.

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Michelle Bushnell, Chair

