



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

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For the meeting of: January 16, 2018

Date: January 9, 2018
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Virginia Bass
Subject: Proclaim January 2018 as Sex Trafficking Awareness Month in Humboldt County

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery and is a crime against humanity and violates the most basic human rights. Local community based, Tribal and governmental organizations are working together to bring awareness to this issue and to look for root causes and to find strategic methods of prevention. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors would like to proclaim January 2018 as Sex Trafficking Awareness Month in Humboldt County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation

Prepared by Tracy Damico

Signature Virginia Bass

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

☒ Consent
☐ Departmental
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Bass Seconded by Supervisor Fennell

Ayes Bass, Fennell, Sundberg, Bohn, Wilson

Nays
Abstain
Absent

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: 1/16/18

By: _____

Ryan Sharp, Deputy Clerk of the Board

PROCLAMATION

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, sex trafficking is a form of modern day slavery and is a crime against humanity and violates the most basic human rights; and

WHEREAS, sex trafficking occurs when an adult or child is recruited, harbored, obtained, or exported through force, fraud or coercion for the purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary servitude, and other methods; and

WHEREAS, common tactics used by traffickers include isolation, physical and emotional violence, sexual abuse and exploitation, financial abuse, threats to family members, use of children to manipulate and control their victims, withholding of food, sleep, and medical care, among others; and

WHEREAS, sex trafficking impacts people of all backgrounds, young adult women make up the largest group of victims, followed by girls with a smaller percentage of men and boys; and the average age of American minors into the sex trade is between 12 and 14 years old; and

WHEREAS, whether through violence, deceit, or the promises of a better life, some of the most vulnerable populations among us -- including, homeless, LGBTQ youth, Native American women and girls, and children in poverty -- are preyed upon by human traffickers; and

WHEREAS, locally some unregulated markets exploit humans for their labor and for sex. Together, we must always remember that our freedom is bound to the freedom of others; and

WHEREAS, we must address the consequences of sex trafficking and work to tackle its root causes. Local community-based, Tribal and governmental organizations are working together to improve local identification and response to trafficking; deliver human trafficking curriculum in schools and provide community workshops and trainings; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council Prevention Committee brings partners from North Coast Rape Crisis Team, United Indian Health Services, Two Feathers Native American Family Services, Yurok Tribe, Planned Parenthood and DHHS Public Health together to raise public awareness across Humboldt County, and advocates to coordinate efforts to prevent trafficking and protect victims; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt hereby proclaims the month of January 2018 as Sex Trafficking Awareness-Month. We call upon businesses, community organizations, families, and all Humboldt County residents to recognize the vital role we must play in ending all forms of sex trafficking and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

DATED: January 16, 2018


Ryan Sundberg, Chair