





# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: May 22, 2018

Date:

May 14, 2018

To:

Board of Supervisors

From:

Supervisor Ryan Sundberg

Subject:

Human Trafficking Awareness Proclamation

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

#### SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Soroptimist International of Humboldt Bay, Arcata, Eel River Valley, Eureka, DISCUSSION: McKinleyville and the Redwoods have requested a proclamation to raise awareness through education and other efforts to stop human trafficking, and calls upon the citizens of Humboldt County to recognize the vital role they can play in ending all forms of slavery.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

#### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation

Prepared by	Kathy Hayes		Signature 14 Sull
REVIEW:			
Auditor	County Counsel	Personnel	Risk Manager Other
TYPE OF ITEM:  XX			BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT Upon motion of Supervisor Bass Seconded by Supervisor Fennell Ayes Bass, Fennell, Sundberg, Bohn, Wilson Nays Abstain Absent
Meeting of:			and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.  Dated: 5/22/18  By:  Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

## **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 the Humboldt County and their neighborhoods; and

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

WHEREAS, Soroptimist International of Arcata, Eel River Valley, Eureka, Humboldt Bay, McKinleyville, and The Redwoods are all working to abolish human trafficking through education, advocacy and collaboration.

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

Date: May 22, 2018

Ryan Sundberg, Chair