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Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisors,

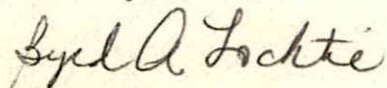
Thank you so much for your Proclamation regarding Human Trafficking in Humboldt County. This a subject of great concern in our community, and your recognition of the problem helps to educate everyone about the dangers to our residents, particularly the young and vulnerable, from unscrupulous people looking to enslave them.

Thank you, too, to the Soroptimists who have brought this issue to your attention. Every mention of the issue informs more people of the problem and the need for solutions.

For more than a year, the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission has been working on this issue. We recognize the need to inform and engage many local groups in the community, including law enforcement, medical personnel, policy-makers, educators and social workers. The Commission is working on a project that will support research and data collection about human trafficking in Humboldt County, in order to design local educational programs to help reduce human trafficking in our community. We seek collaboration with individuals, other agencies, and nonprofits in the community in order to address the human trafficking that often results from crime associated with the drug culture here.

Thank you again for your recognition of this serious problem in our community. Members of the Human Rights Commission are ready to work collaboratively with you and other groups to bring an end to human trafficking in Humboldt County.

Sincerely,



Byrd A. Lochtie