

RESOLUTION
of
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH
JANUARY 2017

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the illegal trade in human beings for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation and forced labor, a modern-day form of slavery; and

WHEREAS, the crime of human trafficking violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic exploitation, control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, the impact of human trafficking is wide-ranging, directly affecting foreign nationals as well as domestic men, women, children, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is often the most vulnerable members of our communities who are victimized by human trafficking with perpetrators exploiting that vulnerability for their own needs and gains; targeting homeless youth, migrants and refugees fleeing conflict or disaster, or women and children living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Coalition to End Human Trafficking acknowledges that fighting modern slavery is a shared community responsibility and therefore, has worked with numerous public and private agencies to strengthen the County's comprehensive response to human trafficking through law enforcement agencies, as well as numerous community-based and non-governmental organizations, to build its collaboration by linking with local, regional and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is committed to protecting individual freedom and works to raise awareness so individuals will become more informed and will take action to end human trafficking in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin proclaims the month of January 2017 as "Human Trafficking Month" and urges all residents to actively participate in the efforts to both raise awareness and end all forms of human trafficking.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 24th day of January 2017.

JUDY ARNOLD – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 5 - PRESIDENT

