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22-1296:

Presentation of Proclamation naming January 2023 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.



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SUBJECT: National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month	REQUIRED VOTE: 3/5 Vote Required	DOC. ID NUMBER 22-1296								
STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA(S): Public Safety, Health										
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Is this item Budgeted? No Will this item require additional personnel? N/A Previous Relevant Board Actions: N/A PowerPoint Presentation? No Supporting Documents: Proclamation/Certificate	DOCUMENT NO(S).									

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Presentation of Proclamation naming January 2023 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

DISCUSSION / FISCAL IMPACT / STRATEGIC FOCUS:

DISCUSSION:

Each January is recognized as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery. It is a crime that involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, provide, or obtain a person for the purposes of labor or sexual exploitation.

Madera County recognizes the significant moral, physical, and economic harm of forced labor and human trafficking within our community and that ignoring this problem is detrimental, not only to victims, but society as a whole.

The Madera County Department of Social Services continues to work with community partners to meet and ensure that trafficked youth are successfully placed in protective



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environments that offer therapeutic programming, specific to their trauma, in order to best stabilize them during this critical time.

The Department also recognizes the great work of the many organizations working to end trafficking while supporting victims in our county including, but not limited to, Community Action Partnership of Madera County, Olive Foundation, Mollie's House, Madera County Sheriff's Office, Madera County District Attorney's Office, City of Madera Police Department and the City of Chowchilla Police Department.

The Department asks the Community to join our team in wearing blue on January 11th to raise awareness for Human Trafficking in Madera County.

CONNECTION TO THE COUNTY OF MADERA STRATEGIC PLAN - MISSION 2023:

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

- Focus Area 3: Public Safety
 - Improve public safety
- Focus Area 8: Health
 - Collaborate with community partners and local stake holders to incorporate awareness

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proclamation for NSHTAM 2023

Proclamation

JANUARY 2023

NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery. It is a crime that involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, provide, or obtain a person for the purpose of labor or sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, California has one of the highest incidences of human trafficking in the nation. It is a top destination for traffickers because of its major harbors, airports, coastlines, international borders, economy and immigrant population; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, an estimated one out of every six endangered runaways reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, were likely to be child sex trafficking victims, with the average age reported as only 15 years old; and

WHEREAS, the International Labor Organization recognizes there are an estimated 27.6 million people in forced labor, where 12% of victims are children; and,

WHEREAS, in 2022 the United States Department of Labor identified 158 goods from 77 countries made by forced or child labor; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 150-200 people are trafficked in Madera County each year; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking affects men, women, and children of all ages. It is necessary to remain aware of this constant modern form of slavery that is happening all around us and for Madera County to take an active stance on preventing and eliminating human trafficking once and for all; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of Madera County does hereby proclaim January 2023 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Madera County. BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors urges all citizens to pledge to recommit themselves to work towards ending human trafficking and the evil of enslavement and save innocent victims at home and abroad.

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