

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2013/67

Declaring January as Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month

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

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking is a lucrative industry and the fastest growing criminal industry in the world; Globally, it is tied with the illegal arms trade, as the second largest criminal activity, following the drug trade, and uses violent and exploitive tactics to prey upon vulnerable members of our communities – especially women and children; 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 an estimated 1.2 million victims nationally each year with over half of those being forced into the sex industry and 98% of those victims being female; and

WHEREAS, the County's Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence Initiative acknowledges that fighting modern slavery is a shared community responsibility and therefore has worked with numerous public and private agencies to establish the Zero Tolerance for Human Trafficking Coalition, in order to strengthen the County's comprehensive response to human trafficking initiated by County Departments, law enforcement agencies, and numerous community and faith-based organizations and continuing to build its collaboration by linking with local, regional and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the County 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 Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim January, 2013 as SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH, and urges all residents to actively participate in the efforts to both raise awareness of and end all forms of human trafficking in our communities.

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Chair,
District V Supervisor

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District IV Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 22, 2013

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy