

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2017/27**

**Proclaiming January, 2017 as Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Contra Costa County**

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which force, fraud or coercion is used to control victims for the purpose of commercial sexual or labor exploitation; that occurs in every industry and affects women, children and men of all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a lucrative industry and the fastest growing criminal industry in the world; and uses violent and exploitive tactics to prey upon vulnerable members of our communities; 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; victims experience trauma, violence, manipulation and sometimes death at the hand of their traffickers; 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; as of late September 2016, 5,748 human trafficking cases were reported nationally to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center; of those reports, the majority were reported in California (1,012 or 82%). Contra Costa County is not immune to human trafficking. While under reported, over the last two years the Zero Tolerance for Human Trafficking Coalition and several partner agencies including Community Violence Solutions, STAND! for Families Free of Violence and Calli House, identified and served over 240 victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the County's Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence Initiative acknowledges that fighting modern day 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, Contra Costa County is working to raise awareness so individuals will become more informed, and 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, 2017 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. During National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, let us recognize the victims of trafficking, and let us resolve to build a future in which no people are denied their inherent human rights of freedom and dignity. Let us make it known that slavery has no place in this county, this nation or this world.

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Chair,  
District II Supervisor

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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**

District V 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 17, 2017

David J. Twa,

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy