

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of proclaiming January, 2015 as "Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" in Contra Costa County

Resolution No. 2015/15

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

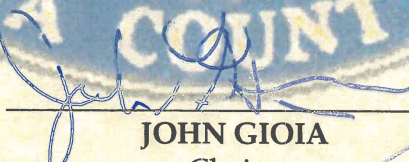
WHEREAS, it is often the most vulnerable members of our communities who are victimized by human trafficking, with perpetrators exploiting that vulnerability for their own needs and gains; targeting an estimated 1.2 million victims nationally each year with over half of those being forced into the sex 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

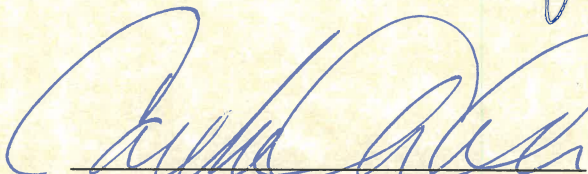
WHEREAS, Contra Costa County is working to raise awareness so individuals will become more informed, and take action to end human trafficking in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim January, 2015 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. Let us make it known that slavery has no place in this county, this nation or this world.

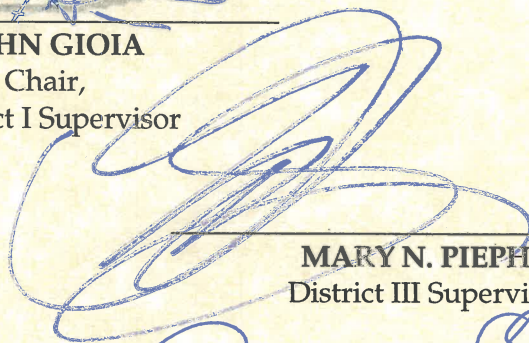
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 13th day of January, 2015.



JOHN GIOIA
Chair,
District I Supervisor



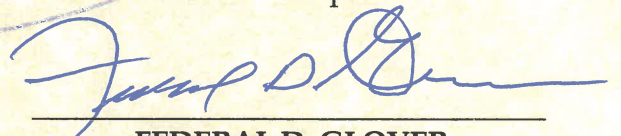
CANDACE ANDERSEN
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District V Supervisor



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 13, 2015

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By Stephanie L. Melillo, Deputy

Introduced by Supervisor Supervisor Gioia