NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County of Santa Barbara Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael Soderman, Chief Financial and Administrative Office (on behalf of Joyce E. Dudley, District Attorney)

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 as defined in the State and County guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s): N/A   **Case No.:** N/A

Location: County of Santa Barbara

Project Title: California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Human Trafficking Advocacy (HA) Program Grant.

Project Description: The HA Grant Program is funded by Cal OES, and has been awarded to the District Attorney's Office for advocacy and outreach to human trafficking victims in Santa Barbara County.

Exempt Status: (Check one)
_____   Ministerial
_____   Statutory
_____   Categorical Exemption
_____   Emergency Project
✓   Not a Project: Section <u>15378(b)(4)</u>
_____   Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15378(b)(4); the actions are not a project as they are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The Santa Barbara County Office of the District Attorney has applied for and been awarded grant funding for the HA program. The District Attorney is requesting that the Board ratify the grant agreement. The Human Trafficking Advocacy (HA) Program provides outreach and referral services to victims of human trafficking in all three regions of Santa Barbara County.

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Michael Soderman, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer   *Date*
Department/Division Representative

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): _____

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____

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