

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
JANUARY 2022 AS  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH  
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

*WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern slavery that occurs in every state, including California, wherein victims are forced to work in various forms of labor exploitation including, but not limited to, commercial sex acts and other services that are induced through force, fraud, or coercion; and*

*WHEREAS, due to its isolated and discrete nature, many individuals across the globe are unaware that trafficking exists in their communities; and it is estimated that more than 40.3 million people around the world are victims of human trafficking; and*

*WHEREAS, Human Trafficking victims face a cruelty that has no place in a civilized world. It is a crime that can take many forms, and one that tears at our social fabric, debases our common humanity, and violates what we stand for as a country; and*

*WHEREAS, increased education about how to identify human trafficking along with increased knowledge of in-state resources and services for those affected by criminal exploitation can help decrease the number of future victims; and*

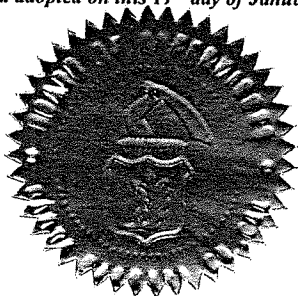
*WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Human Trafficking Task Force is committed to using all applicable laws and resources for investigating human trafficking and prosecuting those engaged in it; and*

*WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Human Trafficking Task Force has worked diligently to bring awareness to the fact that human trafficking occurs closer to home than one might think, that California ranks number 1 in the country for reported human trafficking cases, and that Santa Barbara County is home to hundreds of survivors of trafficking and exploitation; and*

*WHEREAS, Human Trafficking Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize the critical role all Santa Barbara residents play in preventing, reporting, and adjudicating these heinous crimes;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors declares the month of January 2022 to be Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Santa Barbara County.

*Passed and adopted on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022, by a unanimous vote of all members present.*



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Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST:   
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Clerk of the Board