

# Santa Barbara County of

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY 2026 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**, it is estimated that more than 28 million people around the world are victims of human trafficking; 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 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 County residents play in preventing, reporting, and adjudicating these heinous crimes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby proclaim January 2026, as **Human Trafficking Awareness Month** in Santa Barbara County.

**PASSED** and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 13<sup>TH</sup> day of January 2026.



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