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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO 17-020

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF
JANUARY AS "NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN
TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH")

WHEREAS, there are nearly 21 million victims of forced labor and human trafficking globally; a 150 billion dollar industry profiting off the exploitation of human beings (International Labor Organization, 2016); and

WHEREAS, an estimated one out of five endangered runaways, reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, were likely child sex trafficking victims in 2015. The U.S. Department of Labor has identified 139 goods from 75 countries made by forced and child labor; and

WHEREAS, the total number of victims nationally reaches into the hundreds of thousands when estimates of both adult and minor sex trafficking and labor trafficking cases are aggregated according to Polaris; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking exists and is prevalent in our Central Valley. Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission's Central Valley Against Human Trafficking project, has identified more than 400 victims of human trafficking from our local communities and assisted with valuable resources to empower self-sufficiency, restore dignity and support recovery from trauma, with over 150 victims of trafficking identified in 2016 alone; and

WHEREAS, The County of Fresno recognizes the need for greater awareness and accountability in regard to modern-day slavery. Fresno County supports survivors, advocates and organizations dedicated to ensuring adults and children are not for sale. "This month, we rededicate ourselves to assisting victims of human trafficking and to combating it in all its forms" – President Barack Obama.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of January as "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" in the County of Fresno and supports the efforts of the Fresno EOC's Central Valley Against Human Trafficking project in advocating on behalf of victims, survivors and their families.

Adopted by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors this 10th day of January, 2017, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES: None
ABSENT: None



CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL, Clerk
Board of Supervisors

By Susan Bishop
Deputy