

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF FRESNO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE MONTH)
OF JANUARY 2020 AS "NATIONAL SLAVERY)
AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH)**

RESOLUTION NO. 20-010

WHEREAS, the International labor Organization recognizes there are an estimated 40.3 million people in modern slavery globally, where one in four victims are children; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one out of six endangered runaways reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children were likely child sex trafficking victims in 2016. The U.S. Department of Labor 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 adults and minor, sex trafficking and labor trafficking are aggregated according to Polaris; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking exists and is prevalent in our Central Valley. Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services Central Valley Against Human Trafficking project, identified over 1,000 victims of human trafficking from our local communities and assisted with valuable resources to empower self-sufficiency, restore dignity, and support recovery from trauma for survivors; 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of January 2020 as "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" in the County of Fresno and supports the efforts of the Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services Central Valley Against Human Trafficking project in advocating on behalf of victims, survivors and their families.

