

## **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## **RESOLUTION NO. 26-029**

**PROCLAIM JANUARY 2026 AS NATIONAL HUMAN )  
TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH IN FRESNO COUNTY)**

**WHEREAS**, every year, the month of January is recognized as National Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness and educate the public about human trafficking, promote prevention efforts, recognize the signs of trafficking, support survivors, and encourage community action; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Labor Organization recognizes there is an estimated 27.6 million people in modern slavery globally where over 3.3 million victims are children. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimates that one out of six endangered runaways were likely children and victims of sex trafficking. According to the California Department of Justice, among trafficking victims, there are more frequent disparities among Native, children, and two-spirited communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Labor identified 204 goods from 82 countries made by forced and child labor; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2009, the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission Central Valley Against Human Trafficking (Fresno EOC CVAHT) program has assisted and identified over 2,100 victims of human trafficking from our local communities. The Fresno EOC CVAHT program provides resources to attain self-identified goals, restore dignity, and support recovery from trauma for survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors recognizes the need for greater awareness and accountability regarding human trafficking. 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 forms.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of January 2026, as "National 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 advocacy on behalf of victims, survivors, and their families.

**THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 27th day of January 2026, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

*Garry Bredefeld*  
Garry Bredefeld, Chairman of the Board of  
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:

BERNICE E. SEIDEL  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Fresno, State of California

By Alexander Vini  
Deputy

## Deputy