

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No.

Adopt Resolution Proclaiming January as **National Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Monterey County** and recognizing the **Monterey County Rape Crisis Center** for its efforts to prevent and respond to instances of human trafficking in Monterey County.

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a public health issue and a crime that exploits the most vulnerable among us and weakens the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities across generations; and

WHEREAS, while it has been more than 20 years since the passing of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, human trafficking still exists—including the forced or fraudulent recruitment, harboring, or transportation of people for labor or commercial sex; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 27.6 million people are subjected to human trafficking globally, including cases of human trafficking reported in every U.S. state and territory; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking can happen to anyone, but certain populations are disproportionately at-risk, including people affected by abuse, violence, poverty, unstable living situations, social disconnection, or discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the **Monterey County Rape Crisis Center** helps to prevent human trafficking by building individual, community, and societal understanding and resilience, reducing social inequities, and addressing the conditions that contribute to exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the **Monterey County Rape Crisis Center** is dedicated to ensuring anyone impacted by human trafficking can receive services that provide individualized care, understand the impact of trauma, and incorporate cultural and linguistic needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, do hereby proclaim **January as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Monterey County**, and;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, do hereby recognize and thank the **Monterey County Rape Crisis Center** for its efforts to prevent and respond to instances of human trafficking in Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ____ 2024, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:
ABSENT:

I, Valeria Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book_____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valeria Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____

Deputy