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4/5 Vote Required

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA,  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING JANUARY 2016, TO BE  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH IN SONOMA COUNTY**

**Whereas**, Sonoma County has a tradition of advancing fundamental human rights;  
and

**Whereas**, given the people of Sonoma County's commitment to protecting individual freedom, eliminating human trafficking, including early or forced marriage, commercial sexual exploitation, forced labor, labor obtained through debt bondage, involuntary servitude, slavery, slavery by descent, and involuntary imprisonment is imperative, and

**Whereas**, to combat human trafficking within Sonoma County, the United States and throughout the world, people and governments must be aware of human trafficking and must confront this contemporary manifestation of slavery; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Supervisors and the people of Sonoma County actively oppose all individuals, groups, organizations and governments and their entities who support, advance, or commit acts of human trafficking; and

**Whereas**, victims of human trafficking need support in order to escape and recover from the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual trauma associated with their victimization; and

**Whereas**, although laws to prosecute perpetrators of human trafficking and to assist and protect victims of human trafficking have been enacted, awareness of the issues surrounding human trafficking by those most likely to come in contact with victims is essential to effective enforcement because the techniques that traffickers use for enslaving their victims severely limit self-reporting; and

**Whereas**, individuals, public agencies, private organizations and businesses in Sonoma County should join together and work to end human trafficking through education.

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**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Board of Supervisors, in joining in this national observance is one example of the ongoing commitment to raise awareness of and actively oppose human trafficking, hereby proclaims January 2016, as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Sonoma County.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin: Aye      Rabbitt: Aye      Zane: Aye      Gore: Aye      Carrillo: Aye

Ayes: 5                      Noes: 0                      Absent: 0                      Abstain: 0

**SO ORDERED**