

# National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

## January 2023

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery where perpetrators profit from control and exploitation of adults and children for labor and sex through force, fraud, or coercion; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is the fastest growing and second largest criminal industry in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, globally, it is estimated, 25 million people are subjected to human trafficking and forced labor, which is responsible for an estimated \$150 billion annually in illicit profits; and

**WHEREAS**, state-wide, according to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, California had 1,300 human trafficking cases reported in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, locally, Alameda County is the third highest "hot spot" for human trafficking in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, while human trafficking can happen to anyone, racial and ethnic minorities, women and girls, LGBTQIA+ individuals, vulnerable migrants, and other historically marginalized and underserved communities targeted in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, other significant risk factors include recent relocation, substance abuse, mental health concerns, involvement with the child welfare system and/or being a runaway or unhoused youth; and

**WHEREAS**, in Alameda County, human trafficking victims are 61% percent African-American, 15% Latino/a, and 12% Caucasian; and according to the U.S. Department of Justice, more than 55% of the trafficking victims in Alameda County were foster youth at one point in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office is deeply committed to addressing the impact human trafficking has on our residents and surrounding communities and protecting public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office in conjunction with the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and community partners have broken the silence surrounding human trafficking and prevented countless incidences of abuse and exploitation, and remain dedicated to treating trafficking survivors with compassion and dignity and provide wrap-around services to support their journey of healing and empowerment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that this Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, does hereby recognize the month of January 2023 as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month and continues to support protecting human trafficking survivors and bringing offenders to justice by ensuring a comprehensive system of safety and support for our community.

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