

PROCLAMATION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the United States was founded upon the principle that all people are created with the inalienable right of freedom, and added the 13th Amendment to the Constitution making slavery illegal; and

WHEREAS, slavery within the United States today is most often found in the form of human trafficking, which weakens our social fabric; increases violence and organized crime; and debases our humanity; and

WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking are typically forced to work in various forms of labor exploitation including, but not limited to commercial sex acts, drug processing and distribution and other services induced through force, fraud or coercion; and

WHEREAS, due to its isolating nature, many individuals locally and across the globe are unaware that trafficking exists in Mendocino County and neighboring counties; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 20 million men, women and children around the world are victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Soroptimist International Founder Region and all Soroptimist in Mendocino County are working to abolish human trafficking through education, advocacy and collaboration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims January, 2024, as:

“Human Trafficking Awareness Month”

Dated:

Maureen Mulheren, Chair