

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 22-01

***Proclaiming the month of January 2022 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month
in Yolo County***

WHEREAS, 3.8 million adults are trafficked for forced sexual exploitation and 1 million children are trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, 4.8 million people are trafficked for forced sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is modern-day slavery in which victims are subjected to force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of forced labor and/or sexual exploitation. Anyone under the age of 18 who is engaged in a commercial sex act is a sex trafficking victim. Anyone can be a victim: children, women, and men from any background; and

WHEREAS, homeless women and children are the easiest targets of human trafficking because they are vulnerable and can be easily lured by traffickers with food and shelter. They are also low risk because they often have no family or way to track them; and

WHEREAS, traffickers are successful in capturing a teenager's attention with dating apps, fake high paying job opportunities, and chat rooms just to name a few. The National Human Trafficking Hotline has received 2,171 calls and reported 705 cases in 2018. The number of calls was 4,137 with 1,331 reported cases in California the year prior; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is among the world's fastest growing criminal enterprises and is estimated to be a \$150 billion-a-year global industry; and

WHEREAS, only 54% of the recruiters are strangers, 46% are known to the victim.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of January 2022 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Yolo County and encourages all Californians to learn more about the extent of human trafficking and work together with local human trafficking programs and assume the responsibility to make the message clear, both by word and by action.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of January, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Villegas, Saylor, Sandy, Provenza, Barajas.

Angel Barajas, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors