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**Memorandum**

**Date:** January 5, 2021

**To:** The Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Johanna DeLong, Assistant Clerk of the Board

**Subject:** Adopt Proclamation Designating the Month of January 2021 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Lake County

**Executive Summary:** (include fiscal and staffing impact narrative):

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a serious crime that affects people of all races, age, and gender; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a borderless crime against individuals that violates the most basic human rights and deprives victims of human dignity and denies freedom to 32 million people around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry globally; and

**WHEREAS**, California ranks third among the states in the number of potential reports of human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, a serious form of human trafficking involves the exploitation of children and youth for commercial sex acts. It is imperative that our young people and their families learn how to recognize risks and resist predators who use coercion and threats to manipulate children and young adults into sex and labor trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake Family Resource Center has been instrumental in leading the way in the County of Lake in addressing human trafficking by providing 24-hour hotline services, and continuing support, advocacy and accompaniment to survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, preventing human trafficking in Lake County must include active public and private efforts to help recognize and acknowledge existence; and it is time for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, many organizations such as the District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, Lakeport Police Department, Clearlake Police Department and Lake Family Resource Center are committed to ending Human Trafficking in Lake County and provide essential crisis intervention and prevention services to all members of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the month of January 2021 is designated as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Lake County, and our community is urged to support the efforts of the agencies

assisting victims of human trafficking and urges all local governments, schools, businesses and community members to be aware and report any suspicious activity to local police departments and help shine the light on trafficking.

**If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:**

Estimated Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Budgeted: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Future Annual Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**Consistency with Vision 2028 and/or Fiscal Crisis Management Plan** (check all that apply):

☒ Not applicable

- ☐ Well-being of Residents
- ☐ Economic Development
- ☐ Community Collaboration

- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Disaster Recovery
- ☐ Business Process Efficiency

- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ County Workforce
- ☐ Clear Lake

- ☐ *Technology Upgrades*
- ☐ *Revenue Generation*
- ☐ *Cost Savings*

**If request for exemption from competitive bid in accordance with County Code Chapter 2 Sec. 2-38, fill in blanks below:**

Which exemption is being requested?

How long has Agreement been in place?

When was purchase last rebid?

Reason for request to waive bid?

**Recommended Action:**

**Adopt Proclamation Designating the Month of January 2021 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Lake County**