

PROCLAMATION
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

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, 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 Noyo Sunrise, Soroptimist International Fort Bragg, and the City of Fort Bragg are working to abolish human trafficking through education, advocacy, and collaboration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Bragg City Council hereby call upon the citizens of Fort Bragg to recognize the vital role they can play in ending all forms of slavery and to support the Soroptimist International Clubs as they raise awareness through education and other efforts to stop human trafficking.

SIGNED this 8th day of January, 2024

BERNIE NORVELL, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Sanchez, City Clerk

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