

# CITY OF FRESNO

## Office of Councilmember Esmeralda Soria

*Is hereby presented to the:*

### **Centro La Familia Advocacy Services, Inc**

**WHEREAS**, Human trafficking is a terrible form of modern-day slavery whose victims are often forced into labor or the sex trade and imprisoned by traffickers through fear or behind locked doors to keep victims from reaching out for help;

**WHEREAS**, Centro La Familia Advocacy Services has aided over 200 survivors of human trafficking and their families since it launched its program in 2009. Central Valley Against Human Trafficking identified more than 1,000 human trafficking victims through December 2019. In the United States, the National Human Trafficking Hotline received reports of more than 10,500 cases in 2020, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children received more than 17,000 reports of possible child sex trafficking in 2020;

**WHEREAS**, Human trafficking involves the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of people through tactics such as threats, lies, and violence. Human trafficking disproportionately impacts racial and ethnic minorities, women and girls, LGBTQI+ individuals, vulnerable migrants and other historically marginalized and underserved communities;

**WHEREAS**, January 2022 has been proclaimed National Human Trafficking Prevention Month by President Joseph R. Biden Jr., who also called upon “businesses, civil society organizations, communities of faith, families, and all Americans to recognize the vital role we play in combating human trafficking...”

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City of Fresno does hereby proclaim January 2022 as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month and recognizes Centro La Familia Advocacy Services, Inc. and other partners for working to build awareness of this crime and to aid in the recovery of trafficking survivors.

### **“NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH”**

*in the City of Fresno*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, this month of January 2022.

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ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember, District 1

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MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember, District 2

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MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember, District 3

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TYLER MAXWELL, Council Vice President, District 4

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LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember, District 5

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GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember, District 6

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NELSON ESPARZA, Council President, District 7

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JERRY DYER, Honorable Mayor