

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Office of Councilmember Nelson Esparza*

Is hereby presented to:

## *Fresno EOC Central Valley Against Human Trafficking*

- WHEREAS: January is designated as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about the various forms of human trafficking, support survivors, and educate communities on these urgent issues. Since 2009, the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission Central Valley Against Human Trafficking program has assisted and identified over 2,100 victims of human trafficking from our local communities; and
- WHEREAS: The Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission Central Valley Against Human Trafficking program provides vital resources that promote self-sufficiency, restore dignity, and aid in the recovery from trauma for survivors of human trafficking; and
- WHEREAS: The International Labor Organization recognizes there are an estimated 27.6 million people in modern slavery globally where over 3.3 million victims are children. It is reported that 77% of all victims are in forced labor while 23% of all victims are in sex trafficking; and
- WHEREAS: The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimates one out of six endangered runaways were likely child sex trafficking victims. Children who have been involved in the foster care and juvenile justice systems are at increased risk of being victims of human trafficking; and
- WHEREAS: Human trafficking generates billions of dollars annually, perpetuating the exploitation of millions of people across the globe. Traffickers exploit people across several industries, including manufacturing, agriculture, domestic work, and construction; and
- WHEREAS: The City recognizes that human traffickers target people considered vulnerable within our communities, including but not limited to women and girls, racial and ethnic minorities, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and others from marginalized backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Fresno acknowledges the need for increased awareness and accountability in addressing human trafficking, recognizing that this grave injustice affects individuals from all walks of life. Today, we stand united in the fight against human trafficking in all its forms, wherever it may occur.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that we, Mayor Jerry P. Dyer, Councilmember Nelson Esparza, and the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim, the month of January 2026, as:

**“National Human Trafficking Awareness and 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, on this 15th day of January 2026.

JERRY P. DYER, HONORABLE MAYOR

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