

# CITY OF FRESNO

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*Office of Councilmember Mike Karbassi*

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**WHEREAS,** Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services Central Valley Against Human Trafficking project assisted and identified over 1,000 victims of human trafficking from our local communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Central Valley Against Human Trafficking project provides resources to empower self-sufficiency, restore dignity, and support recovery from trauma for survivors; and

**WHEREAS,** the International Labor Organization recognizes there are an estimated 40.3 million people in modern slavery globally where one in four victims are children; and

**WHEREAS,** National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimates one out of six endangered runaways are likely child sex trafficking victims; and

**WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Labor identified 139 goods from 75 countries made by forced and child labor; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Fresno recognizes the need for greater awareness and accountability in regard to modern-day slavery.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim January, 2020, to be:

## **“National Slavery and 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.*

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**LEE BRAND,** Honorable Mayor

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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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**PAUL CAPRIOGLIO,** Councilmember 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,** Councilmember District 7