

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Nelson Esparza

Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services

- WHEREAS: January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, dedicated to raising awareness about different forms of human trafficking, ways to support trafficking survivors, and educating communities about issues. The goal of these efforts is to ensure people are equipped to notice the signs of trafficking situations; and
- WHEREAS: Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services Central Valley Against Human Trafficking project provides resources to empower self-sufficiency, restore dignity, and support recovery from trauma for survivors. The Central Valley Against Human Trafficking project has assisted and identified over 1930 victims of human trafficking from our local communities; and
- WHEREAS: The International Labor Organization recognizes there are an estimated 50 million people in modern slavery globally where one in three victims are children. Approximately 80% of human trafficking involves sexual exploitation, while 19% involves labor exploitation; 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 159 goods from 177 countries made by forced and child labor. Human trafficking generates hundreds of billions of dollars in profit by trapping millions of people in horrific situations, domestically and abroad; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Fresno recognizes the need for greater awareness and accountability regarding the crime of human trafficking. The injustice of human trafficking can affect people of any background, and on this day, we call to fight human trafficking wherever it exists.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Councilmember Nelson Esparza, the Fresno City Council, and Mayor Jerry P. Dyer do hereby proclaim, the month of January 2024, as:

“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, on this 18th day of January 2024.

NELSON ESPARZA, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 7

JERRY P. DYER, HONORABLE MAYOR

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