

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Mike Karbassi

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 Jerry Dyer and the Fresno City Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim January, 2021, 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 28th day of January 2021.

JERRY DYER, Honorable Mayor

ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember District 1

MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember District 2

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