

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Proclaiming January 2025 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Contra Costa County.**

Resolution No. 2025-10

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a form of interpersonal violence and a crime in which force, fraud, coercion or similar means is used to compel victims into commercial sexual and labor exploitation, affecting individuals of all genders, citizenship status, ages and backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking can happen to anyone, certain populations are at greater risk, including people affected by abuse, violence, poverty, unstable living situations, or social disconnection, as well as those systemically marginalized and underserved; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking requires a coordinated, community-wide response engaging diverse stakeholders including survivors, community members, educators, advocates, law enforcement, social workers, and professionals from a broad range of disciplines, agencies, and expertise, among others; and

**WHEREAS**, the 40 partners to the Contra Costa Human Trafficking Task Force strive to identify and provide services to survivors, investigate and prosecute all forms of human trafficking, and build their and the community's capacity to respond to and prevent human trafficking; and

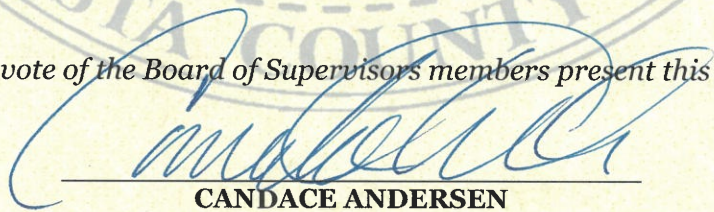
**WHEREAS**, in the first eleven months of 2024, Community Violence Solutions, the lead victim services provider in the Task Force, provided comprehensive, trauma-informed services to 183 victims of human trafficking, including crisis intervention, case management, advocacy, emergency housing assistance and linkage to resources; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, law enforcement agencies investigated 79 cases of sex and labor trafficking and identified 123 potential victims who were connected to services, and the District Attorney, the lead law enforcement agency in the Task Force, filed 18 cases of human trafficking and related crimes; and

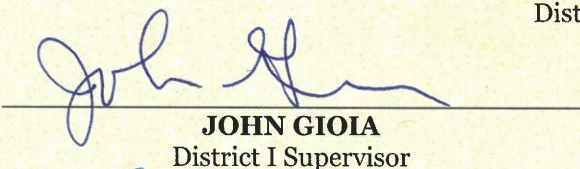
**WHEREAS**, the Contra Costa Alliance to End Abuse recognizes human trafficking as a public health issue that is preventable by building individual, community, and societal understanding and resilience, eliminating social and historical inequities, and improving the environmental conditions where people are born, learn, live, work, play, age, and worship; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaims January 2025 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month and urges all residents to take collective action to strengthen communities by reducing the conditions that contribute to exploitation, building resilience, and creating environments where people are protected from human trafficking and other forms of violence. During this month, we recognize the survivors of human trafficking and commit to building a future in which no person is deprived of human dignity or denied their inherent human rights of liberty, security, and access to justice. Let us make it known that human trafficking has no place in this city, this county, this nation, or this world.

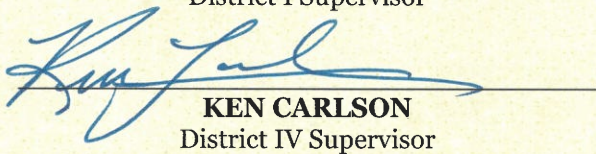
*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2025.*

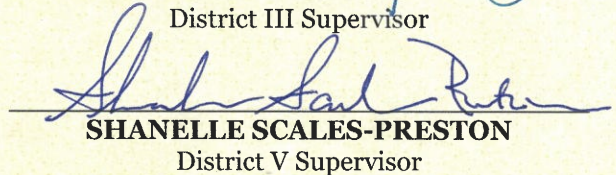
  
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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: January 21, 2025

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  , Deputy