Resolution recognizing the calendar month of January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and the calendar day of January 11 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the City and County of San Francisco, and supporting the campaign to bring awareness to the issue of human trafficking.

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is defined as the “action of recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons by means of threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability,” according to the United Nations’ Trafficking in Persons Protocol; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of State estimates that over 20,000–40,000 people are trafficked into the United States each year for involuntary servitude or modern-day slavery; and

WHEREAS, As defined under U.S. federal law, human trafficking includes both labor trafficking—anyone forced into different forms of labor or services—and sex trafficking—children involved in the sex trade and adults age 18 or over who are coerced or deceived into commercial sex acts; and

WHEREAS, The National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline run by the Polaris Project—a national organization that works to combat and prevent modern-day slavery and human trafficking—received communications regarding 5,214 potential cases of human trafficking in 2013; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco area has been identified by the FBI as one of the three highest child sex trafficking areas in the nation; and
WHEREAS, The FBI—in collaboration with various levels of law enforcement partners and the National Center for Mission & Exploited Children (NCMEC)—conducted Operation Cross Country VIII, an enforcement-driven action aimed to address commercial child sex trafficking throughout the United States that led to the recovery of six juveniles and the arrest of 13 pimps in their San Francisco division; and

WHEREAS, Vulnerability to human trafficking is far-reaching—involving men or women, adults or children, foreign nationals or U.S. citizens, those who are well-educated and those without formal education; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has a fought long for civil rights, civil liberties, and human rights, and recognizes that human trafficking violates those rights on every level; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking (SFCAHT), which includes government and law enforcement agencies, service providers, educators, and community members, endeavors to end human trafficking through collaboration, education, outreach, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor’s Office formed the Anti-Human Trafficking Taskforce in 2013 to oversee a more comprehensive, victim-centered approach that effectively intervenes in human trafficking situations and focuses on long-term solutions in an effort to facilitate cross-agency collaboration and information dissemination;

WHEREAS, In January 2014, San Francisco launched a major public awareness campaign on human trafficking by informing thousands of San Francisco businesses about their obligation to post anti-trafficking notices; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes and supports a month-long awareness campaign in an effort to end human trafficking; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognize the calendar month of January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and
the calendar day of January 11 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the City and County of San Francisco.
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January 13, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

File No. 141314

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/13/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
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