

1 [National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention - Establish the Month of
2 January Calendar Day of January 11]

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

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, The San Francisco area has been identified by the FBI as one of the three
24 highest child sex trafficking areas in the nation; and

1 WHEREAS, The FBI—in collaboration with various levels of law enforcement partners
2 and the National Center for Mission & Exploited Children (NCMEC)—conducted Operation
3 Cross Country VIII, an enforcement-driven action aimed to address commercial child sex
4 trafficking throughout the United States that led to the recovery of six juveniles and the arrest
5 of 13 pimps in their San Francisco division; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognize the
25 calendar month of January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and

1 the calendar day of January 11 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the City and
2 County of San Francisco.

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