

Human Trafficking Prevention Month

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WHEREAS, January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, which focuses on raising awareness and educating the public on how to identify and prevent human trafficking; **and**

WHEREAS, Human trafficking crimes disproportionately impact women, Native Americans, BIPOC, and LGBTQIA+ communities, thereby making the pursuit of human trafficking violations a promotion of equity and justice in the community; **and**

WHEREAS, Everyone can play a part in fighting against this crime by learning the indicators of human trafficking, volunteering, donating to their local anti-trafficking efforts, and by staying well-informed on local trafficking news; **and**

WHEREAS, The San Diego City Attorney's Office formed Your Safe Place to support survivors of abuse and has added human trafficking services to survivors who are seeking justice to begin healing and reclaiming their lives; **and**

WHEREAS, Your Safe Place works closely with community partners to combat human trafficking and provides a variety of services such as crisis intervention, counseling, and legal assistance for survivors of human trafficking; **and**

WHEREAS, National Human Trafficking Prevention Month recognizes the cooperative efforts at all levels of government, international organizations, anti-trafficking entities, survivor advocates, communities of faith, business, and private citizens all around the world in order to combat human trafficking; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim the month of January 2024, to be "**Human Trafficking Prevention Month**" in the City of San Diego.