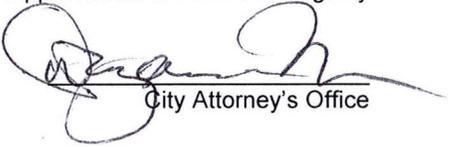


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 85948 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY,
COUNCILMEMBER CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, COUNCILMEMBER GUILLÉN, AND
MAYOR SCHAAF

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND URGING ALL OAKLAND RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN THE ELIMINATION OF COMMERCIAL SEX AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE CITY

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Trafficking in Persons defines human trafficking as a form of modern day slavery, a crime that involves "the exploitation of someone for the purpose of compelled labor or a commercial sex act through the use of force, fraud, or coercion;" and

WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking, which include women and men, adults and children, and citizens and noncitizens, are forced to work in prostitution, but trafficking also occurs in forms of labor exploitation in urban, suburban, and rural areas. Victims of labor trafficking who have been identified in the United States include domestic servants, restaurant staff, hotel employees, factory workers, and agricultural laborers; and

WHEREAS, The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) made trafficking in persons a federal crime, enacted to prevent severe forms of trafficking in persons, both in the United States and overseas; to protect victims and help them rebuild their lives in the United States; and to prosecute traffickers in human beings and impose federal penalties; and

WHEREAS, in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the Obama Administration asked federal agencies to develop a plan to strengthen services for victims of human trafficking. Coordination, Collaboration, Capacity, the Federal Strategic Action Plan on Services for Victims of Human Trafficking in the United States (2013-2017) embraces these principles and builds on the progress that our Nation has made in combating human trafficking and modern day forms of slavery through government action, as well as partnerships with allied professionals and concerned citizens; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown took action to prevent human trafficking by approving Senate Bill 1193 in 2012 which requires businesses and establishments where victims or witnesses of human trafficking may frequent, such as liquor stores, truck stops, or massage parlors, to post signage with helpful information to report or seek refuge from human trafficking through the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888 or through the California Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) at 1-888-KEY-2-FRE(EDOM) or 1-888-539-2373; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is committed to ending human trafficking, one of the greatest human rights abuses of our time, by allocating resources and developing partnerships with local, state and federal agencies and organizations and service providers that work with this vulnerable population; and

WHEREAS, H.E.A.T. Watch, under the leadership of the Office of Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, is a regional anti-human trafficking organization that is working towards ending trafficking exploitation in the Bay Area through a five-point strategy system which includes raising community awareness, training law enforcement, aggressively prosecuting offenders, coordinating existing services and promoting sustainable policy changes; and

WHEREAS, in response to Super Bowl 50, the City of Oakland is supporting the efforts of local agencies, organizations and service providers that engage the community to counter the demand for commercial sex, such as the CEASE Initiative and No Traffick Ahead campaign; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland hereby proclaims January of every year as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month and commits to ending commercial sex and human trafficking in the city by supporting the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Task Force and continuing to collaborate in regional efforts to eliminate this silent epidemic; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland urges residents, businesses, and organizations to engage in the elimination of commercial sex and human trafficking in our city and recognize the vital role we can play in ending all forms of slavery and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

JAN 19 2016

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, ~~REID~~ AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY - 7

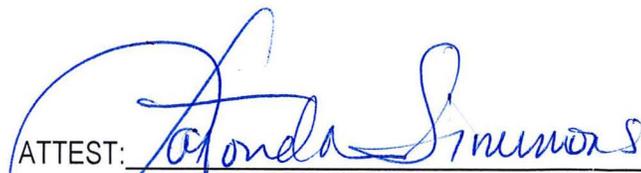
NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

Excused - Reid - 1

ATTEST:


LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California