

City of Eureka

Proclamation



In recognition of

Human Trafficking Awareness Month January 2023

Whereas, the United States was founded upon the principle that all people are created with the inalienable right of freedom, and added the 13th Amendment to the Constitution making slavery illegal; *and*

Whereas, slavery within the United States today is most often found in the form of human trafficking, which weakens our social fabric; increases violence and organized crime; and debases our humanity; *and*

Whereas, victims of human trafficking are typically forced to work in various forms of labor exploitation including, but not limited to commercial sex acts, drug processing and distribution and other services induced through force, fraud or coercion; *and*

Whereas, due to its isolating nature, many individuals locally and across the globe are unaware that trafficking exists in Humboldt County and neighboring counties; *and*

Whereas, it is estimated that more than 20 million men, women and children around the world are victims of human trafficking; *and*

Whereas, Soroptimist International of Humboldt Bay and Eureka are working to abolish human trafficking through education, advocacy and collaboration

Now, therefore, I Mayor Kim Bergel, on behalf of the Eureka City Council, do hereby call upon the citizens of Eureka to recognize the vital role they can play in ending all forms of slavery and to support the Soroptimist International Clubs of Humboldt County as they raise awareness through education and other efforts to stop human trafficking.

Kim Bergel
Mayor
January 17, 2023