

1 [National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and Human Trafficking Awareness
2 Day]

3 **Resolution recognizing National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and**
4 **National Human Trafficking Awareness Day and supporting the campaign to bring**
5 **awareness to the issue of human trafficking.**

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, The Polaris Project – a national organization that raises awareness about
19 human trafficking and operates the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline – has
20 received 9,298 reports of potential human trafficking cases in the past five years based on
21 phone calls, online tip forms, and emails; and

22 WHEREAS, The Polaris Projects also states that California has the highest number of
23 potential trafficking cases relative to other states; and

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

1 WHEREAS, The FBI’s Operation Cross Country, an enforcement-driven action aimed
2 to address commercial child sex trafficking throughout the United States, led to the recovery
3 of 12 juveniles and the arrest of 17 pimps in the San Francisco Bay Area alone; representing
4 the highest number of victims recovered relative to the other 46 FBI divisions involved; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the month of January, 2014 be known as National
24 Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and January 11, 2014 be known as National
25 Human Trafficking Awareness Day in San Francisco.