

1 [National Human Trafficking Prevention Month - January 2026]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the month of January 2026 as “National Human Trafficking**
4 **Prevention Month” in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Every year since 2010, the United States of America has dedicated the
7 month of January as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, to raise awareness about
8 human trafficking, and to educate the public as to how to recognize and prevent it; and

9 WHEREAS, Nationally, in 2000, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act landmarked the
10 United States’ commitment to combating human trafficking domestically and internationally;
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12 WHEREAS, Locally, in 2009, the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human
13 Trafficking was formed, creating a membership which over the years has increased to include
14 over 70 government agencies and non-governmental organizations, representing the city,
15 state and federal law enforcement, local government, community based and government
16 service providers, advocacy and faith-based groups, educators and legislators; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2019, the Mayor’s Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force conducted a San
18 Francisco Community Needs Assessment for Survivors of Violence, which found that 2,684
19 survivors were turned away from victim service providers or emergency and transitional
20 housing; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2022, with support and funding from city, the San Francisco
22 Collaborative Against Human Trafficking created the 24/7 Human Trafficking Hotline (415-
23 907-9911) that confidentially and safely connects survivors of human trafficking and their
24 families with resources and services, with interpretation available in over 240 spoken
25 languages.

1 WHEREAS, In 2023, DOSW updated the “Human Trafficking in San Francisco” report
2 with data demonstrating that between 2022 and 2023, there were a total of 2,501 reported
3 cases of human trafficking in San Francisco with 66% of reported cases identified as sex
4 trafficking cases and 34% identified as labor trafficking cases; and

5 WHEREAS, That same report identified that 88% of all reported cases were people of
6 color and 54% of all cases were women, and according to the American Civil Liberties Union,
7 in the United States, victims of trafficking are almost exclusively immigrants, and mostly
8 immigrant women; and

9 WHEREAS, A 2024 Budget and Legislative Analyst report conducted to analyze how
10 the City and County allocates funds toward anti-human trafficking measures and programs;
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12 WHEREAS, San Francisco Police Department’s latest COMPSTAT citywide profile
13 report indicates an increase of 163% from 2024 to 2025 in known Human Trafficking (Sex
14 Acts) cases.

15 WHEREAS, In 2026, the San Francisco Bay Area will be the host of the NFL Super
16 Bowl 60 and FIFA World Cup, which will bring a significant influx of people to the Bay Area,
17 creating concern that incidents of human trafficking are known to increase during these types
18 of large-scale sporting events; and

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s efforts to combat human trafficking involve multiple city
20 departments and initiatives that provide direct services, develop policies, raise public
21 awareness, and disseminate information; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2021, the San Francisco Airport (SFO) affixed placards in language to
23 the 910 restroom stalls within the airport to encourage victims of trafficking to seek help,
24 connecting victims directly with onsite support 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and
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1 WHEREAS, The National Human Trafficking Hotline, funded by the U.S. Department of
2 Health and Human Services and previously managed by the Polaris Project has identified
3 112,822 cases of human trafficking, involving approximately 219,000 victims since its
4 inception; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the UN Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, human
6 trafficking has risen over 25% overall since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, and over
7 31% for child victims of trafficking worldwide; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2024, California had the highest percentage of total human trafficking
9 cases identified at 14.44% and highest percentage of communications per state received
10 through the National Human Trafficking Hotline; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2020, the National Institute of Justice completed a study revealing
12 human trafficking to be one of the most underreported crimes in the United States, with
13 research finding that human trafficking incidents identified in law enforcement and social
14 service agency records represented only 6-18% of the potential total trafficking victims in
15 three study sites; and

16 WHEREAS, Human trafficking and exploitation are exceptionally pervasive crimes that
17 have multi-generational impacts on individuals and families from everything including public
18 health, housing security, public safety, and more; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors officially recognizes the month
20 of January 2026 as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors reaffirms its
22 commitment to survivors of trafficking and the impacted communities and urges the Mayor's
23 Office and City Departments to prioritize funding and resources for programming and services
24 that work to prevent human trafficking and support survivors.