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*675 Wildwood Avenue  
Rio Dell, CA 95562*



TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

FROM: Karen Dunham, City Clerk

DATE: January 16, 2024

SUBJECT: Proclamation – National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

**RECOMMENDATION**

Read and present the Proclamation declaring January as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Deborah Scaife, President of Soroptimist International of Eel River Valley or another representative will be present to receive the proclamation.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Proclamation

**PROCLAMATION**  
OF THE  
CITY OF RIO DELL, CALIFORNIA

**WHEREAS**, the United States was founded upon the principle that all people are created with the inalienable right of freedom, and the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 the cities and neighborhoods of Humboldt County; 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 Arcata, Eel River Valley, Eureka, Humboldt Bay, McKinleyville, and The Redwoods are all working to abolish human trafficking through education, advocacy, and collaboration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Rio Dell California, hereby call upon the citizens of Rio Dell 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.

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Debra Garnes, Mayor