

RESOLUTION NO. 17-95

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
SISKIYOU DECLARING JULY 30, 2017 AS WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING
IN PERSONS IN SISKIYOU COUNTY**

Proclaiming July 30, 2017 as World Day Against Trafficking in Persons in Siskiyou County

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which victims are subjected to force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of commercial sex, debt bondage, or forced labor.

WHEREAS, human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal industries in the world, and is on the rise in the United States. In 2016, 7,527 human trafficking cases were reported nationally to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center; of those reports, 1,323 were reported in California. Of the reported cases in California, 88% of the victims were female, 78% of the cases were sex trafficking, and 30% of the victims were minors.

WHEREAS, the crime of human trafficking violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic exploitation, control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, the impact of human trafficking is wide-ranging, directly affecting foreign nationals as well as domestic men, women, children of all backgrounds, and society as a whole. Victims experience trauma, violence, manipulation and sometimes death at the hand of their traffickers; and

WHEREAS, it is often the most vulnerable members of our communities who are victimized by human trafficking. National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reports that commercial sexual exploitation affects 100,000-300,000 children nationally each year, with children between the ages of 11-14 being the most common of victims. Children connected to the foster care and/or the juvenile justice system are disproportionately represented as victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the Siskiyou Anti-Trafficking Coalition, which was established in 2016, acknowledges that fighting human trafficking is a shared community responsibility and is working with county departments, law enforcement agencies, and community and faith-based organizations to support the goals of providing education and raising awareness about human trafficking, collaborating to support survivor-focused and trauma-informed response to incidences of human trafficking, uniting to protect our community and prevent the growth of an industry that sees humans as commodities; and will continue to build its collaboration by linking with local, regional and federal agencies; and

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WHEREAS, the Siskiyou Anti-Trafficking Coalition will continue working with Siskiyou County to raise awareness so individuals will become more informed, and take action to end human trafficking in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County does hereby proclaim July 30, 2017 as WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS in Siskiyou County, and urges all residents to actively participate in the efforts to both raise awareness of, and end, all forms of human trafficking in our communities. Let us make it known that slavery has no place in this county, this nation, or this world.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou, State of California, held on the 11th day of July, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Criss, Haupt, Valenzuela, Nixon and Kobseff

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ATTEST:

Colleen Setzer, County Clerk

By: Wendy Dyer
Deputy

Michael N. Kobseff
Michael N. Kobseff, Chair