



MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
RESOLUTION 22/23-37

In Recognition of January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

WHEREAS, in 2011, President Barack Obama issued a Presidential Proclamation designating each January to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, slavery was officially abolished in December 1865 by passage of the Thirteenth Amendment, and only recently became illegal worldwide when the last country banned it in 2007; and

WHEREAS, slavery has not ceased to exist but instead has been rebranded and is growing at an alarming rate with victims forced into modern slavery and subjected to commercial sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary domestic servitude, forced marriage, and debt bondage; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40 million people worldwide, 26% of whom are children under the age of 18,

WHEREAS, the populations in the United States most vulnerable to human trafficking include children in the foster care and juvenile justice systems, youth who have run away or are homeless, and children without lawful immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County's Alliance to End Abuse acknowledges that fighting exploitation and human trafficking is a shared community responsibility and therefore has worked with numerous public and private agencies to establish the Contra Costa Human Trafficking Coalition, in order to strengthen the County's comprehensive response to human trafficking initiated by county departments, law enforcement agencies, and numerous community and faith-based organizations; and continuing to build its collaboration by linking with local, regional and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Diablo Unified School District is working to raise awareness so individuals will become more informed, identify the signs of human trafficking, create systems and strengthen partnerships between schools and law enforcement to address human trafficking, and raise awareness of this serious issue in Contra Costa County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mt Diablo Unified School District does hereby proclaim January 2023 as NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH, 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 and encourage schools and law enforcement to continue partnerships that support youth impacted by human trafficking, and seek to raise awareness of the presence and impact of human trafficking on Contra Costa County's youth.

AYES: NOES: ABSENCES: ABSTENTIONS:

Keisha Nzewi, Board President

Erin McFerrin, Board Vice President

Cherise Khaund, Board Member

Debra Mason, Board Member

Linda Mayo, Board Member

Dr. Adam Clark, Superintendent

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Adopted at the meeting of the MDUSD Governing Board of Education on 01/18/2023
