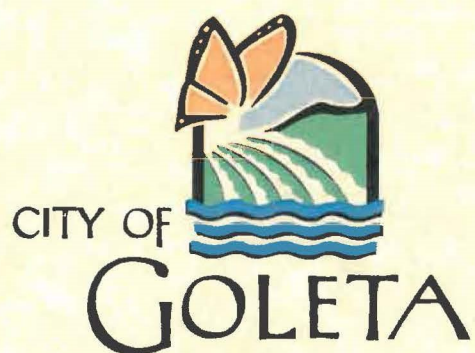




**Agenda Item A.1
PRESENTATION
Meeting Date: January 18, 2022**

Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of January 2022 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month



PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA,
CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2022 AS HUMAN
TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern slavery that occurs in every state, including California, wherein victims are forced to work in various forms of labor exploitation including, but not limited to, commercial sex acts and other services that are induced through force, fraud, or coercion; and

WHEREAS, due to its isolated and discrete nature, many individuals across the globe are unaware that trafficking exists in their communities; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 40 million people around the world are victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking victims face a cruelty that has no place in a civilized world. It is a crime that can take many forms, and one that tears at our social fabric, debases our common humanity, and violates what we stand for as a country; and

WHEREAS, increased education about how to identify human trafficking along with increased knowledge of in-state resources and services for those affected by criminal exploitation can help decrease the number of future victims; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Human Trafficking Task Force is committed to using all applicable laws for investigating human trafficking and prosecuting those engaged in it; and

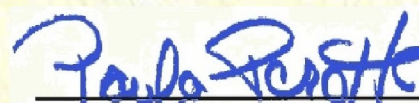
WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Human Trafficking Task Force has worked diligently to bring awareness to the fact that human trafficking occurs closer to home than one might think, and that California ranks number 1 in the country for reported human trafficking cases and that Santa Barbara County is home to hundreds of survivors of trafficking and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize the critical role all Goleta residents play in preventing, reporting, and adjudicating these heinous crimes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, on this 18th day of January 2022, the City Council of the City of Goleta does hereby proclaim the month of January, 2022 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month and calls this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

APPROVED this 18th day of January 2022.




PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR