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**Mr. Ed Acosta • Ms. Alyssa Alto • Mr. Edward Estrada • Ms. Sandra Nichols**  
**Ms. Sue Roth • Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen**

**Student Trustee: Mr. Oscar Alvarez-Delgado**

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## **RESOLUTION #24-03**

### **PROCLAIMING JANUARY 2024 AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a public health issue and crime that affects individuals, families, and communities across generations, exploiting the most vulnerable among us and weakening our collective well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking as defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act is a commercial sex act induced by force, fraud, or coercion; or when a person induced to perform such acts is not yet 18 years old; or the recruiting, harboring, transporting or obtaining of a person for labor or services through force, fraud, or coercion for subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 27.6 million people are subjected to human trafficking globally, including cases of human trafficking reported in every state and territory across the United States, and in California 1,335 cases of human trafficking involving 2,122 victims were identified in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, certain populations are at higher risk of human trafficking, including those affected by prior abuse, sexual violence, poverty, unstable living situations or homelessness, and those systemically marginalized and underserved; and

**WHEREAS**, people can be trafficked in person and online, in industries such as restaurants, cleaning services, construction, and factories, and by strangers or someone they know, including partners, parents, and other family members; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking requires a coordinated, community-wide response, and is preventable by building individual, community, and societal understanding and resilience, reducing social inequities, and addressing social determinants of health; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Santa Cruz is dedicated to ensuring those impacted by human trafficking receive person-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally and linguistically appropriate care, forming diverse partnerships to comprehensively address human trafficking, and appropriately engaging and collaborating with those who've experienced human trafficking to strengthen related services and programs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools hereby proclaim the month of January 2024 to be Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and encourage the community to learn more about how they can help prevent and stop human trafficking.

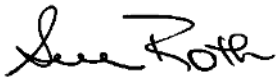
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 18th day of January, 2024, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Acosta, Alto, Estrada, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**



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Sue Roth, Board President  
Santa Cruz County Board of Education



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Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary  
Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools