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CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

AGENDA BILL

7:00pm

For the Regular Meeting of: January 26, 2021

Originating Department: Police

Department Director:

*Randall Davis*

Interim City Manager:

*Chris Jeffers*

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**SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JANUARY AS NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH**

**PURPOSE:** To declare January 2021 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month as it is designated nationwide.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Mayor Maria Davila will issue a Proclamation declaring the month of January 2021, as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in the City of South Gate.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No impact to the General Fund.

**ANALYSIS:** National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month sheds light on heinous crimes which erodes personal dignity and destroys the moral fabric of society. It is an affront to humanity that tragically reaches all parts of the world, including communities across our Nation. Each day, in cities, suburbs, rural areas, and tribal lands, people of every age, gender, race, religion, and nationality are devastated by this grave offense. During National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, we reaffirm our unwavering commitment to eradicate this horrific injustice.

**BACKGROUND:** This year marks nearly 21 years since the United States took decisive steps in the global fight against human trafficking by enacting the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) and nearly 16 years since the United States ratified the United Nations' Palermo Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (Palermo Protocol). Both the TVPA and the Palermo Protocol established a comprehensive framework for combating human trafficking by establishing prevention programs, creating victim protections, and advancing prosecutions under expanded criminal statutes to usher in the modern anti-trafficking movement domestically and globally. These two measures illustrate a global consensus on the issue, and yet as a Nation we must continue to work proactively to foster a culture of justice and accountability for this horrific crime in the community.

**ATTACHMENT:** Proclamation



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Mayor

## PROCLAMATION

*Declaring January 2021 as*

### **National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month**

**WHEREAS,** human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry globally that affects people of all races, age, and gender;

**WHEREAS,** human trafficking is a borderless crime against individuals that violates the most basic human rights, and deprives victims of human dignity and denies freedom to 32 million people around the world;

**WHEREAS,** California ranks third among the states in the number of potential reports of human trafficking;

**WHEREAS,** the South Gate Police Department has and will continue to host trainings to identify victims of human trafficking and will continue to prevent youth from falling victim to sexploitation. Consistent vigilance is the key to combat predators and assist human trafficking survivors;

**WHEREAS,** preventing human trafficking in South Gate includes active public and private efforts to help recognize and acknowledge its existence; it is time for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action by reporting to local law enforcement, and support one another to create a safer environment for all residents; and

**WHEREAS,** many organizations such as the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, the South Gate Police Department, and partnering nonprofit organizations such as Compator, Inc., are committed to ending human trafficking in South Gate and provide essential crisis intervention and prevention services to all members of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it proclaimed on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021, that I, **Maria Davila, Mayor of the City of South Gate,** on behalf of the City Council and residents, do hereby proclaim January 2021 as "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" in the City of South Gate. I urge all community members to support the efforts of the agencies assisting victims of human trafficking and urge all local governments, schools, businesses and community to be aware and report any suspicious activity to local police departments and help shine the light on trafficking.

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Mayor Maria Davila