

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a public health issue and crime that exploits the most vulnerable among us and weakens the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities across generations; and

WHEREAS, the impact of human trafficking is wide-ranging, directly affecting foreign nationals as well as US citizens, and society as a whole; victims experience trauma, violence, manipulation, fraud, and coercion at the hands of their traffickers; and

WHEREAS, people can be trafficked in person and online; in industries such as restaurants, domestic work, construction, agriculture, and factories; and by strangers or someone they know, including employers, partners, and family members; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking can be prevented by building individual, community, and societal understanding and resilience, reducing social inequities, and addressing the conditions that contribute to exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the National Human Trafficking Hotline (1-888-373-7888) of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center is an important resource to report a tip or ask for help; and

WHEREAS, since 2007, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center has received 399,494 substantive phone calls, texts, emails, or online tip reports nationwide and has identified 164,839 victims of human trafficking; and

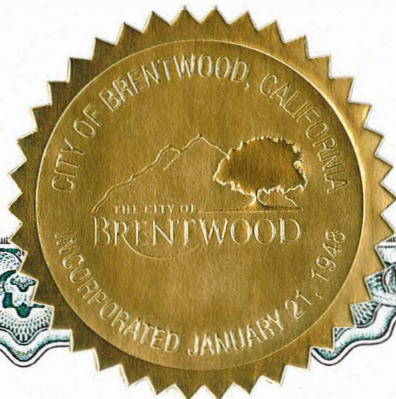
WHEREAS, Brentwood is not immune to human trafficking, and fighting exploitation and human trafficking is a shared community responsibility.

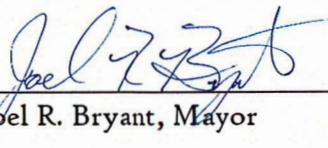
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Council of the City of Brentwood does hereby recognize January 11, 2024 as

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

and urges all residents to counter injustice and fortify the commitment to pursue dignity and freedom for all people.

Dated this 10th day of January, 2023



  
Joel R. Bryant, Mayor