

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303346

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JAN 31 2008

WHEREAS, the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition, a partnership of over 120 government bodies, law enforcement agencies, medical service providers, and non-profit groups, conducts outreach events aimed towards increasing awareness of the prevalence of human trafficking – the oldest form of slavery in contemporary times; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, the United States has been the frontrunner for legislation passed to condemn perpetrators of human trafficking. Including the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005, which not only provides relief for victims of trafficking, but also provides prosecution against U.S. citizens who travel abroad to engage in commercial sexual exploitation of minors; and

WHEREAS, the Department of State estimates that 600,000 to 800,000 victims are trafficked internationally each year, with between 14,500 and 17,500 victims trafficked domestically. Victims include illegal immigrants; legal migrants; US citizens, runaways and others; and

WHEREAS, the “Rescue and Restore” Unity Coalition of Southern California is working to rescue these precious victims, and restore their lives, dignity and hope; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, marking a stand against human trafficking, outreach efforts conducted by the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition and the “Rescue and Restore” Unity Coalition of Southern California are being made at the Vista Transit Station and the Vista

Village Center, as well as street-outreach along El Cajon Boulevard, and a candlelight vigil at the San Ysidro Port of Entry; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, commends the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition and the "Rescue and Restore" Unity Coalition of Southern California for their ongoing efforts to put a stop to human trafficking and to rescue victims affected by this terrible practice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Diego City Council recognizes the seriousness of the human trafficking epidemic, and that January 11, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY**" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

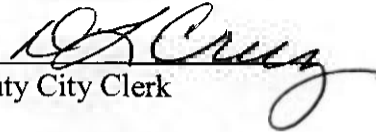
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of JAN 22 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 1-31-08
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor