

Exhibit "B"

PROCLAMATION

2026 NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a public health issue and crime that harms the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities, often across generations; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking can happen to anyone, but certain populations are at greater risk, including people affected by abuse, violence, poverty, unstable living situations, social disconnection, or discrimination; and

WHEREAS, including the forced or fraudulent recruitment, harboring, or transportation of people for labor or commercial sex; and

WHEREAS, over 25 years since the passing of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, an estimated 27.6 million people are subjected to human trafficking globally, including an estimated 313,000 victims in Texas, 79,000 of whom are minors and youth; 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;

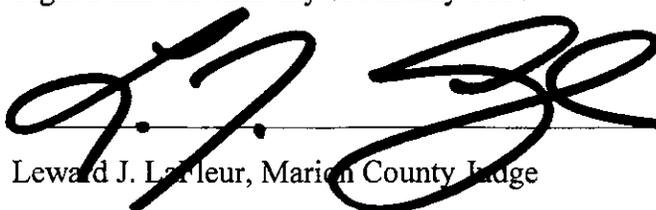
WHEREAS, "Connecting the Dots. Strengthening Communities. Preventing Trafficking." Underscores the need to understand how human trafficking relates to other forms of violence and how we can prevent it by strengthening protective factors at the individual, relational, community, and societal levels: and

WHEREAS, the Women's Center of East Texas is dedicated to ensuring anyone impacted by human trafficking can receive services that provide individualized care, understand the impact of trauma, and incorporate cultural and linguistic needs;

WHEREAS, every individual, family, community, and organization can contribute to enhancing human trafficking awareness, prevention, and response by learning about ways to help.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MARION COUNTY, TEXAS do hereby proclaim the month of January 2026 to be **HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH** in Marion County, Texas.

Signed this the 12th day of January 2026.


Lewald J. Lafleur, Marion County Judge

