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HUMAN TRAFFICKING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM DAY OF ACTION

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced that his office's Anti-Human Trafficking enforcement program held a Day of Action on July 12, 2018. On this day his office, in collaboration with local community-based organizations, performed Senate Bill 1193 human trafficking notice compliance checks at specified businesses and establishments in Monterey County.

Members of the District Attorney's office and 30 community volunteers, including many individuals from local non-profit organizations, conducted compliance checks of nearly 100 businesses and establishments in Monterey, Carmel, Seaside, Greenfield, Gonzales, Soledad, and King City. Approximately one-third were found to be noncompliant with the Senate Bill 1193 human trafficking notice requirement.

Noncompliant businesses and establishments should expect a 30-day correction notice from the District Attorney's Office. Businesses or establishments who still fail to comply are liable for a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) for a first offense and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each subsequent offense.

Human Trafficking is modern-day slavery. It involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. The International Labour Organization estimates that there are over 40 Million victims of human trafficking globally.

According to the 2016 National Human Trafficking Hotline Data Report, California received the most calls to the hotline and reports of human trafficking. Human trafficking is often "hidden in plain sight." Victims of human trafficking often don't know where to turn for assistance and can be too intimidated to ask for help. The National Human Trafficking Hotline is a national anti-human trafficking hotline serving victims and survivors of human trafficking in the United States.

With this mind, in 2013 the California Legislature Enacted Senate Bill 1193. The law mandates that specified businesses and other establishments post a notice informing the public and victims of human trafficking of the National Human Trafficking Hotline to assist in reporting unlawful activity. A compliant poster in English, Spanish, and one other widely spoken language is required to be visible in a conspicuous place near the public entrance of the establishment or in another conspicuous location in clear view of the public and employees where similar notices are customarily posted.

Civil Code § 52.6, which codifies Senate Bill 1993, mandates that the following businesses and establishments post the notice:

1. On-sale general public premises licensees under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, as defined in the code.
2. Adult or sexually oriented businesses, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 318.5 of the Penal Code.
3. Primary airports.
4. Intercity passenger rail or light rail stations.
5. Bus stations.
6. Truck stops. For purposes of this section, "truck stop" means a privately owned and operated facility that provides food, fuel, shower or other sanitary facilities, and lawful overnight truck parking.
7. Emergency rooms within general acute care hospitals.
8. Urgent care centers.
9. Farm labor contractors, as defined in the code.
10. Privately operated job recruitment centers.
11. Roadside rest areas.
12. Businesses or establishments that offer massage or bodywork services for compensation where the massage or bodywork service is provided by a non-certified massage or bodywork service person.