
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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TOEPEL AND WARREN, NOVEMBER 22, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of January 2020 as "National Human
2 Trafficking Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Human trafficking endangers the lives of millions of
4 people around the world through domestic and transnational
5 trafficking networks; and

6 WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a \$150 billion global industry
7 that is one of the fastest growing criminal activities in the
8 world; and

9 WHEREAS, Human trafficking takes many forms, including forced
10 labor, debt bondage, forced commercial sexual exploitation and
11 involuntary domestic servitude; and

12 WHEREAS, Victims of human trafficking are men, women and
13 children of all ages, but disproportionately women and girls;
14 and

1 WHEREAS, There are approximately 40.3 million victims of
2 human trafficking worldwide; and

3 WHEREAS, Of that amount, 81% are forced into labor slavery
4 and 19% are subjected to sexual slavery; and

5 WHEREAS, It is estimated that hundreds of thousands of
6 individuals live in slavery in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, The Joint State Government Commission of the
8 Commonwealth has reported that Pennsylvania is a pass-through
9 state for human trafficking as well as a source and destination
10 for human trafficking victims; and

11 WHEREAS, Many strides have been made to bring awareness to
12 the issue of human trafficking, and more needs to be done to
13 combat the perpetrators of these crimes; and

14 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth stands with the victims of human
15 trafficking around the United States and the rest of the world
16 to bring traffickers to justice and empower survivors to reclaim
17 their lives; and

18 WHEREAS, Public awareness is essential to educate people
19 about the signs and consequences of human trafficking and bring
20 an end to the injustice suffered by the victims of this crime;
21 therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
23 month of January 2020 as "National Human Trafficking Awareness
24 Month" in order to bring awareness to the crime of human
25 trafficking in this Commonwealth.