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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14-012

101 CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS ADVOCACY DAY.

1 WHEREAS, Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal
2 industry in the world, second only to drug trafficking, with an estimated
3 annual global income of \$32 billion dollars; and

4 WHEREAS, According to the *Trafficking in Persons Report*,
5 2012, produced by the U.S. Department of State, approximately 27
6 million adults and children worldwide are trafficked across international
7 borders and forced into labor and sexual exploitation; and

8 WHEREAS, In the U.S. between 100,000 and 300,000 children are
9 at risk for sexual exploitation, with an average age of 12 to 14 years old;
10 and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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1 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 76 percent of transactions for sex
2 with underage girls start on the internet; and

3 WHEREAS, Between January 1, 2012, and December 31, 2013,
4 the FBI Rocky Mountain Innocence Lost Task Force accomplished the
5 following:

6 ! Led 93 and assisted in an additional 37 sex trafficking and
7 commercial sexual exploitation of children investigations;

8 ! Arrested 31 people for pimping and trafficking-related
9 offenses and 19 people for patronizing a prostituted child
10 and sex assault on a child;

11 ! Pursued 193 tips from the National Center for Missing and
12 Exploited Children and an additional 254 tips from
13 citizens, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors,
14 department of human services personnel, victim advocates,
15 and many others;

16 ! Trained over 7,300 people about human trafficking and
17 commercial sexual exploitation of children, providing a
18 total of nearly 275 hours of training; and

19 ! With the assistance of local law enforcement partners,
20 recovered 110 juveniles.

21 WHEREAS, Among the diverse populations affected by human
22 trafficking, children are particularly at risk of involvement in sex and
23 labor trafficking, especially those children who reside in the child welfare
24 system; and

25 WHEREAS, Traffickers prey upon children and youth with low
26 self-esteem and minimal social support, traits that tend to be highly
27 prevalent among young people who are homeless or those in foster care
28 due to their history of abuse, neglect, and trauma; and

29 WHEREAS, One study shows as many as 50 to 85% of sexual
30 trafficking victims are individuals who have previously lived or currently
31 live in the child welfare system; and

32 WHEREAS, Runaway, homeless, LGBTQ, and child welfare

1 youth are especially vulnerable to the recruitment and control tactics of
2 human traffickers; and

3 WHEREAS, As a result of the diverse systems that touch these
4 children's lives, professionals in the child welfare, law enforcement,
5 treatment, nonprofit, and faith-based communities must collaborate to
6 develop a multi-disciplinary response to protect victims of child
7 trafficking; now, therefore,

8 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly*
9 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

10 That the General Assembly, in recognition of Human Trafficking
11 Awareness Advocacy Day on February 20, 2014, will build upon the "4
12 Ps" -- prevention, protection, prosecution, and partnerships -- as set forth
13 by the Colorado Project to Comprehensively Combat Human Trafficking
14 Conference.

15 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
16 to Governor John Hickenlooper, Attorney General John Suthers, and
17 Betty Edwards, founder of the Human Trafficking Task Force of
18 Southern Colorado.