

Senate Resolution 879

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Unterman of the 45th, James of the 35th, Jordan of the 6th, Anderson of the 43rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 20, 2018, as Sex Trafficking Awareness Day at the state capitol; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, sex trafficking is a form of modern day slavery in which people profit from the
4 control and exploitation of others and benefit from a horrific crime perpetrated against
5 women and children; and

6 WHEREAS, sex trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises in the world,
7 and according to the International Labour Organization, profits obtained from commercial
8 sexual exploitation are estimated at \$99 billion per year globally; and

9 WHEREAS, according to a 2014 study by the Urban Institute, the underground sex industry
10 in Atlanta grew from \$238 million to \$290 million from 2003 to 2007, which was a 22
11 percent increase; and

12 WHEREAS, hundreds of grassroots activists will gather at the state capitol on February 20,
13 2018, to raise awareness about the need to end sex trafficking in Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Freedom Coalition, Georgia Cares, House of Cherith, Out of Darkness, Street
15 Grace, the United Way of Greater Atlanta, and Wellspring Living have worked together to
16 organize and empower tens of thousands of grassroots activists across the State of Georgia
17 to end sex trafficking; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that public attention be directed at the
19 abominable practice of sex trafficking.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize February 20, 2018, as Sex Trafficking Awareness Day at the state capitol.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Freedom Coalition,
24 Georgia Cares, House of Cherith, Out of Darkness, Street Grace, the United Way of Greater
25 Atlanta, and Wellspring Living.