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## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing January 11 as
 Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

3 Whereas, Since 2010, January has been recognized as 4 Human Trafficking Prevention Month by presidential 5 proclamation;

6 Whereas, January 11 has been observed as Human

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1 Trafficking Awareness Day;

Whereas, Human trafficking is an international, multibillion
dollar industry that has affected roughly 27 million men,
women, and children;

- 5 Whereas, Human trafficking places an estimated 300,000 6 American youths at risk of being exploited by this dangerous, 7 criminal industry;
- 8 Whereas, Hoosiers must work together to dismantle 9 trafficking networks and help survivors of human trafficking 10 rebuild their lives;
- 11 *Whereas, It is important to recognize and address the* 12 *underlying forces that push people into bondage;*
- Whereas, It is important that Indiana develop an economy that creates legitimate jobs, build a sense of justice that no child should ever be exploited, and empower our daughters and sons with the same opportunities to pursue their dreams;
- Whereas, Slavery has no place in our world, and Hoosiers
  must come together to help restore the rights of freedom,
  dignity, and justice to all;
- Whereas, There are organizations across Indiana that are working to bring awareness to human trafficking, to prevent human trafficking efforts within communities, and to help victims of human trafficking recover; and
- Whereas, Spreading awareness of human trafficking will give Hoosiers the ability to combat it within their own communities and stop their neighbors from being exploited: Therefore,
- 28 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
  29 General Assembly of the State of Indiana:
- SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
   recognizes January 11 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day.
   SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of



- Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to Representative McNamara for distribution.

