
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 22 Session of 2019

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JANUARY 11, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 11, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of January 2019 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

15 WHEREAS, There are approximately 21 million victims of human

1 trafficking worldwide; and

2 WHEREAS, Of that amount, 78% are forced into labor slavery
3 and 22% are subjected to sexual slavery; and

4 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 60,000 individuals live in
5 slavery in the United States; and

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

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

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

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

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
22 month of January 2019 as "National Human Trafficking Awareness
23 Month" in order to bring awareness to the crime of human
24 trafficking in this Commonwealth.