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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AND ZIMMERMAN, OCTOBER 24, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of January 2024 as "National Human  
2 Trafficking Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in order to  
3 bring human traffickers to justice and empower survivors to  
4 reclaim their lives.

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

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

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

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

17 WHEREAS, There are more than 40 million victims of human  
18 trafficking worldwide; and

1       WHEREAS, It is estimated that hundreds of thousands of  
2 individuals are subjected to involuntary servitude in the United  
3 States; and

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

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

11       WHEREAS, Public awareness is essential to educate people  
12 about the signs and consequences of human trafficking and bring  
13 an end to the injustice suffered by the victims of this crime;  
14 therefore be it

15       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
16 month of January 2024 as "National Human Trafficking Awareness  
17 Month" in order to bring human traffickers to justice and  
18 empower survivors to reclaim their lives.