

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 618 Session of 2019

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AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JANUARY 21, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of January 2020 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

1 WHEREAS, There are approximately 40.3 million victims of
2 human trafficking worldwide; and

3 WHEREAS, Of that amount, 81% are forced into ~~labor slavery~~ <--
4 INVOLUNTARY LABOR SERVITUDE and 19% are subjected to ~~sexual~~ <--
5 ~~slavery~~ INVOLUNTARY SEXUAL SERVITUDE; and <--

6 WHEREAS, It is estimated that hundreds of thousands of
7 individuals ~~live in slavery~~ ARE SUBJECTED TO INVOLUNTARY <--
8 SERVITUDE in the United States; and

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

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

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

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

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
25 month of January 2020 as "National Human Trafficking Awareness
26 Month" in order to bring awareness to the crime of human
27 trafficking in this Commonwealth.