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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 12, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of January 2016 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;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, There are at least 21 million victims of human
3 trafficking worldwide; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
24 month of January 2016 as "National Human Trafficking Awareness
25 Month" in order to bring awareness to the crime of human
26 trafficking in this Commonwealth.