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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 31, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 11, 2018, as "National Human Trafficking
2 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has a tradition of advancing
4 fundamental human rights; and

5 WHEREAS, Human trafficking, including early or forced
6 marriage, commercial sexual exploitation, forced labor, peonage,
7 involuntary servitude and slavery, must be eliminated; and

8 WHEREAS, To combat human trafficking in this Commonwealth and
9 globally, Pennsylvania residents in conjunction with State and
10 local governments must be aware of the realities of human
11 trafficking and be dedicated to stopping this contemporary
12 manifestation of slavery; and

13 WHEREAS, Efforts must be made to actively oppose all
14 individuals, groups, organizations and nations who support,
15 advance or commit acts of human trafficking; and

1 WHEREAS, Victims of human trafficking need support to escape
2 and recover from the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual
3 trauma associated with their victimization; and

4 WHEREAS, Human traffickers use physical and psychological
5 techniques to control their victims, including violence, threats
6 of violence against the victim or the victim's family, isolation
7 from the public, isolation from the victim's family and
8 religious or ethnic communities, language and cultural barriers,
9 shame, control of the victim's possessions, confiscation of
10 passports and other identification documents and threats of
11 arrest, deportation or imprisonment if the victim attempts to
12 reach out for assistance or leave; and

13 WHEREAS, Although laws have been enacted in the United States
14 to prosecute human traffickers and to aid victims of human
15 trafficking, awareness of the issues surrounding human
16 trafficking by those people most likely to come into contact
17 with victims is essential for effective enforcement because the
18 techniques that traffickers use to keep their victims enslaved
19 severely limit self-reporting; and

20 WHEREAS, The effort by individuals, businesses, organizations
21 and governing bodies to promote the observance of "National
22 Human Trafficking Awareness Day" on January 11 of each year
23 represents one of the many examples of the ongoing commitment to
24 raise awareness and actively oppose human trafficking; therefore
25 be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize January
27 11, 2018, as "National Human Trafficking Awareness Day" in
28 Pennsylvania; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the goals
30 and ideals of "National Human Trafficking Awareness Day" and all

- 1 other efforts to raise awareness of human trafficking and
- 2 opposition to human trafficking.