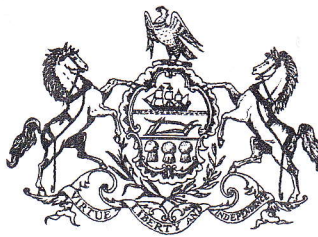


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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Lawrence H. Curry

DATE: January 3, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship Recognizing January 11, 2012, as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Pennsylvania

In the very near future, I will introduce a resolution recognizing January 11, 2012 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Pennsylvania.

The United States defines trafficking in persons to include all of the conduct involved in forced labor, as well as the trafficking of adults and children for commercial sexual exploitation. The average age a child enters sex trafficking is 12.

Human trafficking is a worldwide problem, and the United States and Pennsylvania are not immune to this tragic epidemic.

It is most often those seeking a better life who fall victim as traffickers prey on their hopes and dreams to coerce them into what amounts to modern-day slavery. Eighty-percent of people trafficked are women and girls.

In recognizing National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, we can enlighten Pennsylvanians to this exploitation of human beings. If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Nancy Porvaznik via e-mail nporvazn@pahouse.net or by phone 717-783-1079.