
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 616 Session of
2014

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 16, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating January 2014 as "National Human Trafficking
2 Awareness Month."

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 \$32 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; and

1 WHEREAS, There are at least 12.3 million victims of human
2 trafficking worldwide; and

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

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

10 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth stands with the victims of human
11 trafficking around the United States and the rest of the world
12 to bring traffickers to justice and empower survivors to reclaim
13 their lives; and

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

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
19 month of January 2014 as "National Human Trafficking Awareness
20 Month" in order to bring awareness to the crime of human
21 trafficking in this Commonwealth.