
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 23, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of January 2015 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 \$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

1 children of all ages, but disproportionately women and girls;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, There are at least 12.3 million victims of human
4 trafficking worldwide; and

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

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

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

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

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
21 month of January 2015 as "National Human Trafficking Awareness
22 Month" in order to bring awareness to the crime of human
23 trafficking in this Commonwealth.