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A RESOLUTION

Recognizing January 2019 as National Slavery and Human
Trafficking Prevention Month

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General 1
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize January 2019 as National 2
Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month; and 3

WHEREAS, Slavery and human trafficking include the use and 4
transportation of persons through coercion, deception, or use or 5
threat of force or violence and for such forms of exploitation as 6
forced labor and sexual servitude. The United Nations 7
International Labour Organization estimates that 40 million men, 8
women, and children worldwide are currently being exploited in 9
this way, and the U.S. Department of State estimates that between 10
600,000 and 800,000 of them, mostly women and girls, are 11
trafficked annually across international borders, including 14,500 12
to 17,500 into the United States. Additionally, it is estimated 13
that 1,000 minors in Ohio are currently being forced to sell sex, 14
with more than 2,000 others potentially at risk of being 15
trafficked, and statistics show that the average age of those 16
entering the commercial sex market is between twelve and fourteen 17
years old; and 18

WHEREAS, In the United States, President Abraham Lincoln 19
signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, and the 20
13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on February 1, 1865, 21
effectively ending slavery in our country. In commemoration of 22

these historic events, President Donald Trump has proclaimed 23
January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention 24
Month. In addition, the United Nations adopted the Universal 25
Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948, to denounce such 26
atrocities on a global scale; and 27

WHEREAS, By observing National Slavery and Human Trafficking 28
Prevention Month, we can continue to shine a spotlight on this 29
injustice, urge other nations to pass and enforce slavery and 30
human trafficking laws, and assist and support those who are 31
victims of modern slavery; therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 33
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize 34
January 2019 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention 35
Month and encourage all citizens to observe it with appropriate 36
programs and activities; and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 38
authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio. 39