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**A R E S O L U T I O N**

Recognizing National Slavery and Human Trafficking 1  
Prevention Month, January 2015 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE  
OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of 3  
the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize 4  
January 2015 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking 5  
Prevention Month; and 6

WHEREAS, Slavery and human trafficking include the use 7  
and transportation of persons, through coercion, deception, or 8  
use or threat of force or violence, for such forms of 9  
exploitation as forced labor and sexual servitude. The United 10  
Nations International Labour Organization estimates that 12.3 11  
million men, women, and children worldwide are currently being 12  
exploited in this way, and the U.S. Department of State 13  
estimates that between 600,000 and 800,000 of them, mostly women 14

and girls, are trafficked annually across international borders, 15  
including 14,500 to 17,500 into the United States. Additionally, 16  
it is estimated that 1,000 minors in Ohio are currently being 17  
forced to sell sex, with more than 2,000 others potentially at 18  
risk of being trafficked, and statistics show that the average 19  
age of those entering the commercial sex market is between 20  
twelve and fourteen years old; and 21

WHEREAS, In the United States, President Abraham Lincoln 22  
signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, and the 23  
13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on February 1, 1865, 24  
effectively ending slavery in our country. In commemoration of 25  
these historic events, President Barack Obama has proclaimed 26  
January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention 27  
Month each year. In addition, the United Nations adopted the 28  
Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948, to 29  
denounce such atrocities on a global scale; and 30

WHEREAS, By observing National Slavery and Human 31  
Trafficking Prevention Month, we can continue to shine a 32  
spotlight on this injustice, urge other nations to pass and 33  
enforce slavery and human trafficking laws, and assist and 34  
support those who are victims of modern slavery; therefore be it 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 36  
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in 37  
adopting this Resolution, recognize January 2015 as National 38  
Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and encourage all 39  
citizens to observe it with appropriate programs and activities; 40  
and be it further 41

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 42  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the 43  
news media of Ohio. 44