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Representative Galonski

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing January 11, 2019 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize January 11, 2019 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, The Thirtieth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution abolished slavery and forced servitude in our nation, but human trafficking continues to affect millions of people all across the globe, including right here in Ohio. While measures have been made by governments to pass laws and strengthen enforcement issues, it is the solemn duty of every Ohioan to assist in combatting this scourge on our society so we may embody the lofty principals upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, Human history is marked by the suffering of countless generations forced into slavery, and so long as even a single individual remains bound in servitude, our nation will never truly be free. Through collective action and greater awareness though, we can make a change and better the world for the many victims of human trafficking, and we can move forward into a future that does not repeat the brutal mistakes of our past; and

WHEREAS, To that end, the Ohio Statehouse has launched Human Trafficking Awareness Day, and on the occasion of its Tenth Anniversary, we applaud the many people who have given their time and efforts to assist victims of human trafficking and slavery. They have truly shown themselves to be responsible and conscientious individuals, and we could all stand to learn from their example; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 27
Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 28
this Resolution, recognize January 11, 2019 as National Human 29
Trafficking Awareness Day; and be it further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 31
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 32
media of Ohio. 33