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**Representatives Fedor, Galonski
Cosponsor: Representative Strahorn**

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing National Slavery and Human Trafficking
Prevention Month, January 2018.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize January 2018 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month; and

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

WHEREAS, In the United States, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, and the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on February 1, 1865, effectively ending slavery in our country. In commemoration of these historic events, President Donald Trump has proclaimed January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention

Month. In addition, the United Nations adopted the Universal 26
Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948, to denounce such 27
atrocities on a global scale; and 28

WHEREAS, By observing National Slavery and Human Trafficking 29
Prevention Month, we can continue to shine a spotlight on this 30
injustice, urge other nations to pass and enforce slavery and 31
human trafficking laws, and assist and support those who are 32
victims of modern slavery; therefore be it 33

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 34
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 35
this Resolution, recognize January 2018 as National Slavery and 36
Human Trafficking Prevention Month and encourage all citizens to 37
observe it with appropriate programs and activities; and be it 38
further 39

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 40
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 41
media of Ohio. 42