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Representative Galonski

**Cosponsors: Representatives Butler, Sykes, Boggs, DeVitis, Edwards,
Hicks-Hudson, Smith, K.**

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing January 2019 as National Slavery and Human
Trafficking Prevention Month.

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

WHEREAS, In an effort to increase public knowledge and 4
understanding of the issues surrounding the enslavement and 5
trafficking of humans beings, as well as to commemorate President 6
Abraham Lincoln issuing the Emancipation Proclamation and the 7
United States Congress passing the 13th Amendment to the 8
Constitution, the month of January was first designated by 9
President Barack Obama as National Slavery and Human Trafficking 10
Prevention Month in 2010, and President Donald Trump has continued 11
this annual tradition by proclaiming National Slavery and Human 12
Trafficking Prevention Month 2019. Affecting millions of 13
individuals of all races and countries, slavery and human 14
trafficking has long-lasting repercussions, not only for victims 15
and their families but also for communities and society as a 16
whole; and 17

WHEREAS, The universal freedom from unlawful imprisonment 18
and enslavement is an issue of crucial importance to all members 19
of our global society. Many governments, including the United 20
States, have passed stronger laws and improved their enforcement 21
and education campaigns to help end human trafficking. Despite 22
these efforts, businesses, community organizations, faith-based 23

groups, families, and Americans everywhere continue to have an 24
important part to play in helping to end this scourge; and 25

WHEREAS, National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention 26
Month provides an opportunity for organizations and individuals to 27
raise awareness of this important matter and to formulate plans 28
for the future. As Ohioans, we have a responsibility to support 29
the survivors of this terrible crime as they rebuild their lives 30
and to dismantle trafficking networks wherever they may be found, 31
and all those taking part in the observance of this month with 32
appropriate programs and activities are deserving of high praise; 33
therefore be it 34

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 35
Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 36
this Resolution, recognize January 2019 as National Slavery and 37
Human Trafficking Prevention Month; and be it further 38

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 39
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 40
media of Ohio. 41