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Senators Fedor, Kunze

Cosponsors: Senators Yuko, Craig, Brenner, Thomas, Maharath, Romanchuk

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing January 2021 as National Slavery and Human
Trafficking Prevention Month.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly 1
of Ohio are pleased to acknowledge National Slavery and Human 2
Trafficking Prevention Month, January 2021; 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 6
President Abraham Lincoln issuing the Emancipation Proclamation and 7
the 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 2021. Affecting millions of individuals 13
of all races and countries, slavery and human trafficking has long- 14
lasting repercussions, not only for victims and their families but 15
also for communities and society as a whole; and 16

WHEREAS, The universal freedom from unlawful imprisonment and 17
enslavement is an issue of crucial importance to all members of our 18
global society. Many governments, including the United States, have 19
passed stronger laws and improved their enforcement and education 20
campaigns to help end human trafficking. Despite these efforts, 21
businesses, community organizations, faith-based groups, families, and 22
Americans everywhere continue to have an important part to play in 23
helping to end this scourge; and 24

WHEREAS, National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month 25
provides an opportunity for organizations and individuals to raise 26
awareness of this important matter and to formulate plans for the 27
future. As Ohioans, we have a responsibility to support the survivors 28
of this terrible crime as they rebuild their lives and to dismantle 29
trafficking networks wherever they may be found, and all those taking 30
part in the observance of this month with appropriate programs and 31
activities are deserving of high praise; therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 33
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize January 2021 34
as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month; and be it 35
further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated 37
copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio. 38