

House Resolution

A resolution recognizing January 2024 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Florida.

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery, and those involved in its practices are a threat to the safety and security of our communities, and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a crime against humanity that violates the most basic human rights, and

WHEREAS, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has stated that his administration is committed to ensuring that criminals involved in human trafficking are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, and victims are returned to safety, and

WHEREAS, the International Labor Organization estimates that there are over 40.3 million victims of human trafficking globally, with hundreds of thousands in the United States, and

WHEREAS, entities such as the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking and the Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking have been established to fight all forms of human trafficking and support victims, and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks as the third-highest state for human trafficking cases and the second-highest state for labor trafficking cases, with 4.08 cases per 100,000 people, with half of all human trafficking victims in Florida being minors, and

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25 WHEREAS, Human Trafficking Awareness Month is an
26 opportunity to recognize the victims and survivors of human
27 trafficking and increase awareness to prevent these crimes, NOW,
28 THEREFORE,

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30 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
31 Florida:

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33 That January 2024 is recognized as Human Trafficking
34 Awareness Month in Florida.