

By Senator Martin

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Senate Resolution

A resolution encouraging financial institutions in  
Florida to commit to fighting human trafficking.

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a serious violation of human  
rights which impacts individuals in Florida and throughout the  
United States, exploiting victims through forced labor, sexual  
exploitation, and other forms of coercion, and

WHEREAS, human trafficking can impact anyone, but certain  
populations, such as those experiencing abuse, violence,  
poverty, housing instability, or social isolation, are at  
greater risk, and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is closely connected to other  
forms of violence and exploitation, often sharing common risk  
factors such as limited access to resources and unsafe  
environments, and

WHEREAS, Florida has taken proactive measures to combat  
human trafficking through legislation, public awareness  
campaigns, task forces, and partnerships with organizations  
dedicated to eradicating human trafficking and supporting  
survivors, and

WHEREAS, financial institutions, including credit unions,  
banks, and other financial institutions, by facilitating  
financial access, enabling growth, and playing a critical role  
in the detection and prevention of illicit activities, benefit  
all aspects of society, including economic development,  
community well-being, and public safety, and

WHEREAS, credit unions and banks in Florida are  
distinctively qualified to partner with law enforcement,

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government agencies, and nonprofit organizations to strengthen efforts in identifying, reporting, and preventing human trafficking activities, and

WHEREAS, ongoing education, collaboration, and investment in public and private anti-trafficking measures enhance the ability of financial institutions to contribute meaningfully to combatting human trafficking, and

WHEREAS, financial institutions are uniquely positioned to support survivors of human trafficking in rebuilding their lives and preventing further exploitation by providing access to survivor-centered financial resources, such as financial education, credit repair, and no-fee accounts, which foster stability and independence, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Florida Senate encourages financial institutions to commit to fighting human trafficking and commends all credit unions, banks, and other financial institutions in Florida that commit to enhancing training, community partnerships, and investments to support law enforcement efforts in combatting human trafficking.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Senate encourages Florida's financial institutions to take a proactive stance by dedicating resources and expertise not only to combat human trafficking but also to support survivors in achieving long-term stability and independence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Senate formally recognizes Financial Institutions Against Human Trafficking

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(F.I.G.H.T.) for its commitment to combatting human trafficking by raising awareness within the financial sector, fostering partnerships with key stakeholders, and implementing strategies that disrupt trafficking networks while supporting survivors in their journey to rebuild their lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Senate encourages F.I.G.H.T. to act as a liaison between financial institutions and other anti-trafficking organizations, facilitating collaboration, information sharing, and the development of innovative solutions to address human trafficking more effectively.