

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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