



State of Wisconsin
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2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 94

January 20, 2012 – Introduced by Representatives BERCEAU, BALLWEG, BERNARD SCHABER, BEWLEY, HINTZ, JACQUE, JORGENSEN, KESSLER, LOUDENBECK, PASCH, POCAN, POPE-ROBERTS, ROYS, SINICKI, C. TAYLOR, TURNER and WEININGER, cosponsored by Senators LASSA, TAYLOR, S. COGGS, C. LARSON and RISSER, by request of Zonta Club of Madison. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming January 2012 as Human Trafficking Awareness and
2 Prevention Month.

3 Whereas, adult human trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, harbored,
4 obtained, or transported through force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of sexual
5 exploitation, commercial sex acts, or labor exploitation; and

6 Whereas, child sex trafficking occurs when a person under the age of eighteen
7 is recruited, harbored, obtained, or transported for the purposes of sexual
8 exploitation or commercial sex acts, regardless of whether force, fraud, or coercion
9 was used; and

10 Whereas, human trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing criminal
11 industry in the world, recently found to account for \$32 billion annually; and

12 Whereas, 80 percent of the millions of human trafficking victims worldwide are
13 female and 50 percent of all trafficking victims are children; and

1 Whereas, it is estimated that 600,000 to 800,000 people are annually trafficked
2 across international borders and 14,500 to 17,500 United States residents are
3 annually forced into slavery; and

4 Whereas, the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance 2008 report “Hidden in
5 Plain Sight” documents 200 reports of human trafficking in Wisconsin; and

6 Whereas, human trafficking is modern day slavery, a practice that is in direct
7 opposition to the fundamental principles of liberty and human rights upon which our
8 nation was founded; and

9 Whereas, the State of Wisconsin is committed to protecting human rights and
10 individual freedom by eliminating human trafficking, including: early or forced
11 marriage, commercial sexual exploitation, forced labor, labor obtained through debt
12 bondage, involuntary servitude, slavery, and slavery by descent; and

13 Whereas, to combat human trafficking locally, and around the country and
14 globe, people everywhere must be aware of the realities of human trafficking and
15 must be dedicated to stopping it; and

16 Whereas, fighting slavery has the most impact when entire communities work
17 together to address the problem; and

18 Whereas, a resolution passed by the United States Senate on June 22, 2007, has
19 forever marked January 11th as a day of awareness and vigilance for the countless
20 victims of human trafficking around the world; and

21 Whereas, more than one day a year should be dedicated to preventing and
22 raising awareness of human trafficking; now, therefore, be it

23 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
24 Wisconsin legislature proclaim January 2012 as Human Trafficking Awareness and
25 Prevention Month in the State of Wisconsin; and, be it further

1 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution
2 to SlaveFree Madison and the Zonta Club of Madison in recognition of their
3 contributions to raising awareness of and response to human trafficking in
4 Wisconsin.

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