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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2024, AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators E Morgan, Zurier, F. Lombardi, Felag, and Britto

Date Introduced: January 18, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Human trafficking, as recognized and defined by the United Nations in the
2 "Trafficking Protocol" is the "recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of
3 persons, by means of threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of
4 deception,...for the purpose of exploitation." Exploitation can include forced prostitution and
5 other forms of sexual exploitation as well as forced labor. Women and children are particularly
6 vulnerable to being exploited in these ways; and

7 WHEREAS, It is estimated that approximately 50 million people are currently the
8 victims of human trafficking and are being used as slaves in some capacity. The International
9 Labour Office (ILO), estimates that human trafficking generates approximately \$150 billion
10 dollars in profit; and

11 WHEREAS, In January of 2018, National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention
12 Month was first observed and more than \$45 million was contributed to the Global Fund to End
13 Modern Slavery, which provided for enhanced collaboration amongst nations and their law
14 enforcement and other community and business organizations in order to dismantle transnational
15 criminal organizations that are involved in human trafficking activities. In 2021, more than \$80
16 million was raised; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby commemorates
18 January of 2024, as "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" in the State of
19 Rhode Island; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, Joseph R.
3 Biden, Jr., the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, Daniel McKee, and the Secretary-General
4 of the United Nations, António Guterres.

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