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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2018 AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN
TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Morgan, Goodwin, Coyne, Lynch Prata, and Algieri

Date Introduced: January 23, 2018

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

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 between 21 million to 25 million people are currently the
8 victims of human trafficking and are being used as slaves in some capacity. As of 2014, it is
9 estimated that human trafficking generates approximately \$150 billion dollars in profit; and

10 WHEREAS, Recently, President Donald J. Trump promulgated a number of initiatives to
11 combat human trafficking. The President has proclaimed January of 2018 to be National Slavery
12 and Human Trafficking Month. He also signed initiatives that will contribute \$25 million to the
13 Global Fund to End Modern Slavery, and will provide for enhanced collaboration amongst
14 nations and their law enforcement and other community and business organizations in order to
15 dismantle transnational criminal organizations that are involved in human trafficking activities;
16 now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
18 hereby commemorates the month of January, 2018, as "National Slavery and Human Trafficking
19 Prevention Month" in the State of 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, Donald J.
3 Trump, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, Gina M. Raimondo, and the Secretary-
4 General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres.

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