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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2020 AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Morgan, de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: January 30, 2020

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 25 million people are currently the victims of human  
8 trafficking and are being used as slaves in some capacity. The International Labour Office (ILO),  
9 estimates that human trafficking generates approximately \$150.2 billion dollars in profit; and

10           WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump promulgated a number of initiatives to combat  
11 human trafficking. He proclaimed January of 2018 to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking  
12 Prevention Month. He also signed initiatives that contributed \$25 million to the Global Fund to  
13 End Modern Slavery, and 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; now, therefore be it

16           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
17 hereby commemorates the month of January, 2020, as "National Slavery and Human Trafficking  
18 Prevention Month" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

1 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, Donald J.  
2 Trump, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, Gina M. Raimondo, and the Secretary-General  
3 of the United Nations, António Guterres.

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