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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026**

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**S E N A T E R E S O L U T I O N**

**COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2026, AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senators E Morgan, Bissaillon, Dimitri, Appollonio, LaMountain, Acosta, de la Cruz, Famiglietti, Lauria, and Gu

Date Introduced: January 15, 2026

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 27.6 million people are currently the victims of human  
8        trafficking worldwide and are being used as slaves in some capacity. The International Labour  
9        Office (ILO), estimates that human trafficking generates approximately \$236 billion dollars in  
10      profit; and

11           WHEREAS, National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month was first  
12        observed in January, 2018 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 2024, more than \$75  
16        million was raised; now, therefore be it

17           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby commemoates  
18        January of 2026, 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, Donald  
3   Trump, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, Daniel McKee, and the Secretary-General of  
4   the United Nations, António Guterres.

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