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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

**COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2019 AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN
TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senators Morgan, de la Cruz, Goodwin, Coyne, and Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: January 22, 2019

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 between 20 million to 37 million people are currently the
8 victims of human trafficking and are being used as slaves in some capacity. The international
9 Labor office (ILO), estimates that human trafficking generates approximately \$150.2 billion
10 dollars in profit; and

11 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump promulgated a number of initiatives to combat
12 human trafficking. He proclaimed January of 2018 to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking
13 Month. He also signed initiatives that contributed \$25 million to the Global Fund to End Modern
14 Slavery, and provided for enhanced collaboration amongst nations and their law enforcement and
15 other community and business organizations in order to dismantle transnational criminal
16 organizations that are involved in human trafficking activities; 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, 2019, 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-General
4 of the United Nations, António Guterres.

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