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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

Introduced By: Representatives Roberts, Quattrocchi, Price, Casimiro, and Nardone

Date Introduced: February 12, 2020

Referred To: House Judiciary

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 2020 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 House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby commemorates the month of January, 2020, as "National Slavery
18 and Human Trafficking 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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