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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2021 AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN
TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Morgan, Coyne, de la Cruz, Lombardi, Cano, Goodwin, and
Archambault

Date Introduced: February 05, 2021

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 20 million and 40 million people are currently
8 the victims of human trafficking and are being used as slaves in some capacity. The International
9 Labour Office (ILO), estimates that human trafficking generates approximately \$150.2 billion
10 dollars in profit; and

11 WHEREAS, In January of 2018, National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention
12 Month was first observed and \$25 million was contributed to the Global Fund to End Modern
13 Slavery, which provided for enhanced collaboration amongst nations and their law enforcement
14 and other community and business organizations in order to dismantle transnational criminal
15 organizations that are involved in human trafficking activities; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby commemorates
17 January of 2021, as "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" in the State of
18 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, Joseph R.
- 2 Biden, Jr., the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, and the Secretary-General of the United
- 3 Nations, António Guterres.

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