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Representatives & Sen. Poore & Sen. Richardson on  
behalf of all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023 AS "HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH" IN  
DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, human trafficking takes many forms, including forced marriage, forced labor, debt bondage, forced  
2 commercial sexual exploitation and involuntary domestic servitude; and

3 WHEREAS, it is projected that approximately 50 million people globally were victims of modern slavery at any  
4 given time in 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, of the 50 million people, approximately 31.5 million are forced into labor slavery, 11.5 million are  
6 subjected to sexual slavery, and 22 million are victims of forced marriage; and

7 WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking are disproportionately women and girls, accounting for 99% of those  
8 subjected to sexual slavery and 84% of those currently in a forced marriage; and

9 WHEREAS, it is estimated that 60,000 individuals are currently victims of modern slavery in the United States;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimates that 1 in 6 runaway children  
12 reported to their center were likely victims of forced sexual exploitation; and

13 WHEREAS, it is estimated that human trafficking generates many billions of dollars of profit per year, second  
14 only to drug trafficking as the most profitable form of transnational crime; and

15 WHEREAS, while state policymakers have made significant progress in bringing awareness to the issue of human  
16 trafficking in Delaware, more needs to be done to prevent human trafficking, identify victims and support them through  
17 trauma-informed approaches, and combat the perpetrators of these crimes; and

18 WHEREAS, public awareness is essential to educating people about the signs and consequences of human  
19 trafficking and in order to bring an end to the injustice suffered by the victims of this crime.

20 NOW, THEREFORE:

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the  
22 Senate concurring therein, that the members of the Delaware General Assembly hereby recognize the month of January  
23 2023 as "Human Trafficking Awareness Month" in order to bring awareness to the crime of human trafficking in this State.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes January 2023 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Delaware