

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.211

Reps. Yancey, Garza, Gay-Dagnogo, Hood, Cynthia Johnson, Jones, Kahle, Kuppa, Lasinski, Liberati, Love, Sabo, Schroeder, Shannon, Sneller, Sowerby, Stone, Witwer and Yaroch offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare January 8-11, 2020, as Human
2 Trafficking Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Human trafficking, a form of modern-day slavery, is a
4 crime under international, federal, and state law; and

5 Whereas, Human trafficking is defined as the recruitment,
6 harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of persons for
7 labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for
8 the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt
9 bondage, or slavery, and the inducement of a commercial sex act by



1 force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to
2 perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; and

3 Whereas, To combat this form of modern-day slavery, the people
4 of the United States, the federal government, and state and local
5 governments must work to better understand the complex nature of
6 this problem; and

7 Whereas, The members of this legislative body encourage all
8 Michiganders to use this month as an opportunity to educate
9 themselves about human trafficking and be aware of how prevalent it
10 is in our state; and

11 Whereas, Along with health care providers, social workers,
12 child advocacy groups, and law enforcement, we all must work toward
13 a statewide solution; now, therefore, be it

14 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
15 this legislative body declare January 8-11, 2020, as Human
16 Trafficking Awareness Week in the state of Michigan. We support and
17 commend all work by individuals, businesses, organizations, and
18 governing bodies for their important contributions to this
19 commitment to end modern-day slavery. We encourage citizens to get
20 involved with local efforts to raise awareness of and opposition to
21 human trafficking.