

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

Reps. Harris, Alexander, Andrews, Aragona, BeGole, Bezotte, Bierlein, Bollin, Borton, Brabec, Breen, Byrnes, Tyrone Carter, Brenda Carter, Cavitt, Coffia, Conlin, DeBoer, De Boyer, Dievendorf, Edwards, Filler, Fink, Fitzgerald, Fox, Glanville, Grant, Green, Greene, Haadsma, Hill, Hoadley, Johnsen, Kuhn, Maddock, Markkanen, Martin, Martus, Meerman, Mentzer, Miller, Morgan, Morse, Mueller, Neeley, Neyer, Outman, Paiz, Pohutsky, Puri, Rheingans, Rigas, Rogers, Roth, Schmaltz, Schriver, Schuette, Scott, Shannon, Skaggs, Smit, Steele, Stone, Thompson, Tisdell, Tsernoglou, VanderWall, Weiss, Wilson, Wozniak and Young offered the following resolution:

- 1 A resolution to declare January 9-13, 2023, as Human
- 2 Trafficking Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.
- 3 Whereas, Human trafficking, a form of modern-day slavery, is a

1 crime under international, federal, and state law; and

2 Whereas, Human trafficking is defined as the recruitment,
3 harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of persons for
4 labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for
5 the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt,
6 bondage, or slavery, and the inducement of a commercial sex act by
7 force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to
8 perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; and

9 Whereas, To combat this form of modern-day slavery, the people
10 of the United States, the federal government, and state and local
11 governments must work to better understand the complex nature of
12 this problem; and

13 Whereas, The members of this legislative body encourage all
14 Michiganders to use this week as an opportunity to educate
15 themselves about human trafficking and be aware of how prevalent it
16 is in our state; and

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

20 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
21 this legislative body declare January 9-13, 2023, as Human
22 Trafficking Awareness Week in the state of Michigan. We support and
23 commend all work by individuals, businesses, organizations, and
24 governing bodies for their important contributions to this
25 commitment to end modern-day slavery. We encourage citizens to get
26 involved with local efforts to raise awareness of and opposition to
27 human trafficking.