

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

Reps. Bezotte, Alexander, Andrews, Aragona, BeGole, Bierlein, Bollin, Borton, Brabec, Breen, Byrnes, Tyrone Carter, Brenda Carter, Coffia, Conlin, DeBoer, De Boyer, Dievendorf, Edwards, Farhat, Filler, Fink, Fitzgerald, Fox, Glanville, Grant, Green, Greene, Haadsma, Harris, 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 11, 2023, as Human Trafficking  
2 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery

1 involving the illegal trade of people for exploitation or  
2 commercial gain; and

3       Whereas, Human trafficking is one of the fastest-growing  
4 crimes in the world, second only to drug trafficking as the most  
5 profitable form of crime, according to the U.S. Department of  
6 State; and

7       Whereas, The best estimates indicate that approximately \$87  
8 million per day is made off of sex trafficking victims; and

9       Whereas, Michigan gained national attention at both the state  
10 and federal levels after passing effective legislation in 2013 and  
11 2014 to help combat human trafficking and strengthen victim rights,  
12 and was named the most improved state in 2015 for its laws  
13 addressing child sex trafficking, according to Shared Hope  
14 International. Michigan has gone from a rating of "F" in 2011, to a  
15 "B" rating in 2019 according to Shared Hope International's  
16 Protected Innocence Challenge study. While this state has made  
17 considerable advances in fighting against human trafficking, we all  
18 must understand that there is still work to be done; and

19       Whereas, This legislative body encourages all Michiganders to  
20 educate themselves about human trafficking and be aware of how  
21 prevalent it is in our state; and

22       Whereas, We support victims of human trafficking who have yet  
23 to escape or be liberated and offer the gravest concern for those  
24 who have had loved ones become victims to human trafficking; and

25       Whereas, We commend the individuals who have been victims of  
26 trafficking, survived, and have overcome the atrocity, and continue  
27 to support all who have dedicated themselves to putting an end to  
28 human trafficking in Michigan; now, therefore, be it

29       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

- 1 this legislative body declare January 11, 2023, as Human
- 2 Trafficking Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.