

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Brown

1 WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a scourge that affects thousands of
2 adults and children across the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States is a source, transit, and destination
4 country for men, women, and children subjected to forced labor, debt
5 bondage, document servitude, and sex trafficking; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, the
7 number of human trafficking cases reported in Washington doubled
8 between 2012 and 2017; and

9 WHEREAS, The National Human Trafficking Hotline has fielded over
10 three thousand calls from Washington since 2007 and identified over
11 one thousand five hundred potential victims of human trafficking; and

12 WHEREAS, In a recent study by the Human Trafficking Institute,
13 Washington ranked thirteenth in the nation for active cases in its
14 federal courts; and

15 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Justice Child
16 Exploitation and Obscenity Section reports twelve is the average age
17 of entry into pornography and prostitution in the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, Child victims are often runaways and homeless youth; and

19 WHEREAS, The Attorney General maintains a web site intended to
20 serve as a hub for victims of human trafficking,
21 watraffickinghelp.org; and

1 WHEREAS, January serves as an ideal time to increase awareness
2 and understanding for how to identify signs of human trafficking and
3 act as a deterrent;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
5 encourage the people of Washington to be vigilant for signs of human
6 trafficking and be aware of the state and federal resources related
7 to deterring human trafficking.

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