

House Resolution No. 6038

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1 A RESOLUTION urging all Kansans to become educated about human
2 trafficking and slavery.

3 WHEREAS, Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal
4 industry in the world, second only to drug trafficking, with an estimated
5 \$150 billion in illegal profits; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the International Labor Organization, it is
7 estimated that 20.9 million women, men and children are victims of
8 human trafficking, with only .2% of victims identified; and

9 WHEREAS, Human trafficking and slavery, including sex and labor
10 trafficking, affect women and children the most, comprising an estimated
11 80% of persons trafficked; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2000, the United States Congress passed the
13 Trafficking Victims Protection Act, most recently reauthorized in 2013,
14 providing the United States with tools to combat human trafficking at
15 home and abroad; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2013, the Kansas Legislature enacted a comprehensive
17 anti-human trafficking law, with a focus on criminal prosecution and
18 victim support. The Kansas Legislature has since updated the law in 2014
19 and 2015; and

20 WHEREAS, The office of the Kansas Attorney General has focused
21 on providing anti-trafficking training to law enforcement officers
22 throughout the state, and in 2015, provided services to more than 400
23 human trafficking victims in Kansas; and

24 WHEREAS, Since 2014, the Kansas Department of Children and
25 Families has worked to prevent human trafficking by providing
26 recommendations for safety, placement and treatment for 80 youth,
27 identified as possible victims of human trafficking; and

28 WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature recognizes the considerable
29 moral and economic harm of forced labor and human trafficking to both
30 the State of Kansas and worldwide citizens, and that bringing a greater
31 awareness of this problem will further help the victims of human
32 trafficking; and

33 WHEREAS, By bringing awareness to forced labor and human

1 trafficking within the State of Kansas, we bring the victims of human
2 trafficking hope and promise of the American dream and for the natural
3 born freedoms we should enjoy as American citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, This battle is fought on many different fronts. Thus, the
5 Kansas Legislature recognizes that increased public awareness will allow
6 individual Kansans more opportunities to recognize and aid in the fight
7 against this form of slavery: Now, therefore,

8 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
9 That we urge all Kansans to become educated about human trafficking
10 and slavery and to work toward purging these criminal practices within
11 the State of Kansas and beyond its borders; and

12 *Be it further resolved:* That we support increased education, stronger
13 laws and the promotion of justice to reduce the exploitation of all people
14 worldwide.