

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

Rep. Harris 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
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
10 force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to
11 perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; and

12 Whereas, To combat this form of modern-day slavery, the people

1 of the United States, the federal government, and state and local
2 governments must work to better understand the complex nature of
3 this problem; and

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

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

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