

Senator Horn offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 221.**

A resolution to declare December 2016 as Identity Theft Awareness Month.

Whereas, Identity theft is a serious crime, one that impacts people from all walks of life and in all our communities; and

Whereas, The crime of identity theft is multifaceted and criminals often gain access to personal records through mail theft, internet fraud, lost or stolen personal items, burglary, phone scams, eavesdropping, unethical use of public documents, and stolen medical records, as well as many other unscrupulous measures; and

Whereas, Victims of identity theft often spend years rectifying their credit and recovering their identity; and

Whereas, The awareness of identity theft crimes has led to increased consumer protection; and

Whereas, Having a strong financial literacy will help consumers protect themselves from thieves wishing to gain access to personal and financial documents; and

Whereas, Having applicable laws and enforcement to seek and prosecute identity theft criminals is imperative to ensuring the safety of one's identity. Efficient coordination of judicial and law enforcement units is essential to tracking identity theft criminals; and

Whereas, It is critical to require those offering extensions of credit to consumers do so in a responsible, fraud-proof manner; and

Whereas, This declaration promotes the awareness of identity theft and encourages citizens and government to institute protective measures to ensure the safety and privacy of one's identity; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body proclaim December 2016 as Identity Theft Awareness Month. We encourage all citizens to support the efforts and join in by taking measures to promote the safety and security of their identity.