

Reps. Cochran, Brinks, Calley, Canfield, Chang, Chirkun, Faris, Geiss, Greig, Griffin, Howrylak, Hughes, Jones, Liberati, Moss, Phelps, Sneller, Sowerby, Webber and Wittenberg offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 227.

A resolution to declare January 2018 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Human trafficking, a form of modern-day slavery, is a crime under international, federal and state law;

Whereas, Human trafficking is defined as the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of persons for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery, and the inducement of a commercial sex act by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age;

Whereas, To combat this form of modern-day slavery, the people of the United States, the federal government, and state and local governments must work to better understand the complex nature of this problem; and

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

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare January 2018 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We support and commend all work by individuals, businesses, organizations, and governing bodies for their important contributions to this commitment to end modern-day slavery. We encourage citizens to get involved with local efforts to raise awareness of and opposition to human trafficking.