

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.15

Reps. Whiteford, Kahle, Glenn and Calley offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare January 25-29, 2021, 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 define 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

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

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

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

12       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
13 this legislative body declare January 25-29, 2021, as Human  
14 Trafficking Awareness Week in the state of Michigan. We support and  
15 commend all work by individual, businesses, organizations, and  
16 governing bodies for their important contributions to this  
17 commitment to end modern-day slavery. We encourage citizens to get  
18 involved with local efforts to raise awareness of and opposition to  
19 human trafficking.