

SR117, As Adopted by Senate, January 11, 2018

Senators Schuitmaker, Emmons, O'Brien and Warren offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 117.

A resolution designating January 11, 2018, as Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Whereas, Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery involving the illegal trade of people for exploitation or commercial gain; and

Whereas, Human trafficking is the fastest-growing crime in the world, second only to drug trafficking, according to the U.S. Department of State; and

Whereas, The best estimates indicate that approximately \$87 million per day is made off of sex trafficking victims; and

Whereas, Michigan was named the most improved state in 2015 for its laws addressing child sex trafficking, according to Shared Hope International; and

Whereas, Michigan has gained national attention at both the state and federal levels and is now a model state after passing effective legislation in 2013 and 2014 to help combat human trafficking and strengthen victim rights; and

Whereas, This legislative body encourages all Michiganders use this day as an opportunity to educate themselves about human trafficking and be aware of how prevalent it is in our state; and

Whereas, We support victims of human trafficking who have yet to escape or be liberated and offer the gravest concern for those who have had loved ones become victims to human trafficking; and

Whereas, We commend the individuals who have been victims of trafficking, survived and have overcome the atrocity, and continue to support all who have dedicated themselves to putting an end to human trafficking in Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body designate January 11, 2018, as Human Trafficking Awareness Day.