

**Introduced by Senator Corbett
(Coauthors: Senators Hancock and Yee)**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 76—Relative to Human Trafficking.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 76, as introduced, Corbett. Human trafficking awareness.

This measure would proclaim the Legislature’s support of human trafficking awareness events.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Legislature of California recognizes the
2 significant moral and economic harm of forced labor and human
3 trafficking to both the State of California and global citizens, and
4 that ignoring this problem is detrimental not only to those enslaved
5 but to society as a whole; and

6 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes that California is a
7 major point of entry and destination for slave trafficking, due to
8 the state’s unique location, economy, and population, and that
9 combating slavery within California will serve to improve
10 conditions both domestically and internationally; and

11 WHEREAS, By ignoring the problem of forced labor and human
12 trafficking within the State of California, we deny its victims the
13 hope and promise of the American dream and our freedoms, and
14 the promise of California. Where that promise has been contorted
15 as a lure to ensnare the hopeful and force them into slavery, it is
16 fitting and proper to restore their freedom and allow them a chance
17 to succeed in the “Land of the Free”; and

1 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama proclaimed January 2010
2 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and
3 calls “upon the people of the United States to recognize the vital
4 role we can play in ending modern slavery” and that fighting this
5 scourge is a shared responsibility; and

6 WHEREAS, This battle is fought on many fronts by
7 international, federal, state, and local law enforcement, and by
8 prosecutors, government agencies, nongovernmental organizations,
9 private industry, and individuals; and

10 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes that increased public
11 awareness will allow individual Californians more opportunities
12 to recognize and combat slavery; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature encourages its members,
15 as well as organizations, businesses, and individuals, to host or
16 sponsor and attend community events in order to bring visibility
17 and support to these efforts to recognize and combat slavery; and
18 be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby supports human trafficking
20 awareness events of nongovernmental organizations; and be it
21 further

22 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all Californians to
23 become educated about human trafficking and slavery, and work
24 to eradicate these criminal practices within and beyond our borders;
25 and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
27 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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