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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 6

Introduced by Assembly Member Donnelly

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 6—Relative to human trafficking.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 6, as amended, Donnelly. Human trafficking.

This resolution would recognize the month of January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and it would recognize February 1, 2011, as California's Free From Slavery Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama declared January 2011
- 2 National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month,
- 3 culminating in National Freedom Day on February 1, 2011; and

1 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama called “upon the People
2 of the United States to recognize the vital role we can play in
3 ending modern slavery” and that fighting this scourge is a shared
4 responsibility; and

5 WHEREAS, Our Nation was founded upon the principle of
6 freedom, and we affirmed this principle with ratification of the
7 13th amendment that guaranteed people within our borders
8 protection from slavery; and

9 WHEREAS, Americans are committed to individual freedom
10 and will do all they can to help eliminate modern day slavery,
11 which includes human trafficking, early and forced marriage,
12 forced labor, bonded labor, and slavery by descent; and

13 WHEREAS, Beyond all differences of race, creed, or political
14 persuasion, Americans are one people who must face national
15 threats together, and while they now live with a heightened
16 awareness of human trafficking and other forms of modern day
17 slavery, they refuse to allow them to continue; and

18 WHEREAS, Human trafficking can result in many forms. Sexual
19 slavery, involuntary domestic servitude, and child soldiering are
20 just a few of the abuses that men, women, and children are
21 subjected to; and

22 WHEREAS, The Department of State’s “Trafficking in Person
23 Report 2010” includes the United States in its rankings for the first
24 time in its 10 year history showing the United States as a growing
25 magnet for traffickers to conduct their illegal and inhumane
26 business; and

27 WHEREAS, The Central Intelligence Agency estimated that
28 approximately 15,000 to 17,000 men, women, and children are
29 trafficked into the United States every year, making the United
30 States one of the top three trafficking destinations along with Japan
31 and Australia; and

32 WHEREAS, California is a prime destination for human
33 trafficking, along with other states including New York, Texas,
34 and Nevada; and

35 WHEREAS, California’s unique demography make it a
36 particularly vulnerable location for human trafficking because of
37 its extensive international border, numerous ports and airports,
38 and overall large economy; and

39 WHEREAS, Apart from the harm that this crime causes its
40 victims, secondary consequences of human trafficking can severely

1 affect California communities. The link between human trafficking
2 and other criminal activities including, but not limited to, human
3 smuggling, drug trafficking, money laundering, and organized
4 crime, increases the potential for other violent crime. The United
5 States Department of State reports that the impact of human
6 trafficking on surrounding communities includes increased crime
7 and gang activity, child exploitation, public health problems, and
8 depressed wages; and

9 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the vital role California
10 can play in preventing and one day ending modern slavery; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes January 2011
14 as the National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month;
15 and be it further

16 *Resolved*, The Legislature recognizes February 1, 2011, as
17 California's Free From Slavery Day, and calls upon all Californians
18 to follow President Obama's charge to "educate themselves about
19 all forms of modern slavery and the signs and consequences of
20 human trafficking"; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
22 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.