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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 6

Introduced by Assembly Member Donnelly

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(Coauthors: Senators Nielsen and Padilla)

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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 2013, and each following January, as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and it would recognize February 1, 2013, and each following February 1, as California's Free From Slavery Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

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

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

8 WHEREAS, Our nation was founded upon the principle of
9 freedom, and we affirmed this principle with ratification of the
10 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution that guaranteed
11 people within our borders protection from slavery; and

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

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

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

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

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

35 WHEREAS, California is a prime destination for human
36 trafficking, along with other states including New York, Texas,
37 and Nevada; and

38 WHEREAS, California’s unique geography makes it a
39 particularly vulnerable location for human trafficking because of

1 its extensive international border, numerous ports and airports,
2 and overall large economy; and

3 WHEREAS, Apart from the harm that this crime causes its
4 victims, secondary consequences of human trafficking can severely
5 affect California communities. The link between human trafficking
6 and other criminal activities, including, but not limited to, human
7 smuggling, drug trafficking, money laundering, and organized
8 crime, increases the potential for other violent crime. The United
9 States Department of State reports that the impact of human
10 trafficking on surrounding communities includes increased crime
11 and gang activity, child exploitation, public health problems, and
12 depressed wages; and

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

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes January 2013,
18 and each following January, as National Slavery and Human
19 Trafficking Prevention Month; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes February 1, 2013,
21 and each following February 1, as California’s Free From Slavery
22 Day, and calls upon all Californians to follow President Obama’s
23 charge to “educate themselves about all forms of modern slavery
24 and the signs and consequences of human trafficking”; and be it
25 further

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

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