

State of Misconsin 2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE



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2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

February 3, 2025 - Introduced by Senators L. JOHNSON, JAMES, JACQUE, KEYESKI, WIRCH, CARPENTER, DRAKE, RATCLIFF, HESSELBEIN, TESTIN, TOMCZYK, HABUSH SINYKIN, WALL, FEYEN, WANGGAARD, SPREITZER, DASSLER-ALFHEIM and LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives O'CONNOR, KITCHENS, BILLINGS, STUBBS, SNYDER, SINICKI, NOVAK, GUNDRUM, DITTRICH, SPIROS, GOEBEN, HURD, VINING, SPAUDE, STEFFEN, RIVERA-WAGNER, BARE, PRADO, MURSAU, FITZGERALD, KNODL, MURPHY, GOODWIN, KIRSCH, TENORIO, BRILL, CALLAHAN, MIRESSE, BEHNKE, FRANKLIN, ALLEN, KREIBICH, NEDWESKI, SNODGRASS, ARNEY, DUCHOW, MADISON, STROUD, PALMERI, TUSLER, ANDERSON, SUBECK, HONG, EMERSON, ROE, RODRIGUEZ, JOERS, B. JACOBSON, DESANTO, WITTKE, J. JACOBSON, PHELPS, HAYWOOD, JOHNSON, ORTIZ-VELEZ, MCCARVILLE and MAYADEV. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 Relating to: proclaiming January 2025 as Human Trafficking Awareness and

2 Prevention Month in the state of Wisconsin.

3 Whereas, human trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, harbored,

4 obtained, or transported through force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of sexual

5 exploitation, commercial sex acts, or labor exploitation; and

6 Whereas, human traffickers disproportionately target at-risk populations, 7 including individuals who have experienced or been exposed to other violence, such 8 as child abuse and maltreatment and community violence, and those who are 9 disconnected from support networks, such as runaway and homeless youth,

- 10 unaccompanied minors, and persons displaced by natural disasters; and
- 11 Whereas, since 2007, more than 100,000 total cases of human trafficking have

12 been reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline; and

Whereas, the average age a trafficking victim enters the sex trade in theUnited States is between 12 and 15 years old; and

1	Whereas, in 2023, an estimated one-out-of-six endangered runaways reported
2	to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children were likely child sex
3	trafficking victims; and
4	Whereas, a 2024 U.S. Department of State report found that advocates
5	reported a growing trend of traffickers targeting individuals with disabilities and
6	an increase in the use of social media platforms to recruit and advertise victims of
7	human trafficking; and
8	Whereas, human trafficking has been reported in all 72 counties in this state,
9	and it is a crime found in rural, urban, and suburban communities; and
10	Whereas, human trafficking is modern-day slavery, a practice that is in direct
11	opposition to the fundamental principles of liberty and human rights upon which
12	our nation was founded; and
13	Whereas, many nonprofit organizations are working to raise awareness and
14	combat human trafficking while collaborating with law enforcement to provide
15	critical resources to victims, including safe housing, health care, counseling, job
16	training, rehabilitation, clothing, personal care items, and hope; and
17	Whereas, to combat human trafficking in our state, our citizens must be aware
18	of the realities of human trafficking, educated to recognize victims of human
19	trafficking, and dedicated to stopping it; and
20	Whereas, a resolution passed by the U.S. Senate on June 22, 2007, has forever
21	marked January 11 as a day of awareness and vigilance for the countless victims
22	and survivors of human trafficking around the world; and
23	Whereas, Wisconsin has zero tolerance for human trafficking, and eliminating

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human trafficking is a goal shared by all Americans who believe in freedom and
 liberty for all people; now, therefore, be it

- *Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That* the members of
 the Wisconsin Legislature proclaim January 2025 as Human Trafficking
 Awareness and Prevention Month in the state of Wisconsin.
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