

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act**

3 FOR the purpose of supporting the principles of the federal Trafficking Victims
4 Protection Act of 2000.

5 WHEREAS, On October 28, 2000, President Clinton signed into law major
6 legislation, the "Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000", to combat trafficking of
7 persons, especially into the sex trade, slavery, and slavery-like conditions in the
8 United States and countries around the world through prevention, prosecution and
9 enforcement against traffickers, and protection and assistance to victims of
10 trafficking; and

11 WHEREAS, An estimated 45,000 to 50,000 women and children are trafficked
12 annually to the United States for "the sex industry and for labor"; and

13 WHEREAS, Trafficking in persons is increasingly perpetrated by organized,
14 sophisticated criminal enterprises; and

15 WHEREAS, Existing laws often fail to protect victims of trafficking; and

16 WHEREAS, Victims are often illegal immigrants in the destination country,
17 they are repeatedly punished more harshly than the traffickers themselves; and

18 WHEREAS, Adequate services and facilities do not exist to meet victims' needs
19 regarding health care, housing, education, and legal assistance; and

20 WHEREAS, The State of Maryland recognizes the inherent dignity and worth of
21 all people; and

1 WHEREAS, Current practices of sexual slavery and trafficking of women and
2 children are abhorrent to the principles upon which the United States was founded;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
5 General Assembly of Maryland strongly supports the principles of the "Trafficking
6 Victims Protection Act of 2000"; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
8 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S.
9 Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;
10 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin,
11 Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and
12 Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
15 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
16 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
17 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.