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Title: Human Trafficking Education and Awareness
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House Action: **AMEND**

Whereas, approximately 20 million persons worldwide are victims of forced labor and sexual exploitation, and

Whereas, about 55 percent of the victims are women and girls, and

Whereas, about 25 percent of the victims are younger than 18, and

Whereas, human trafficking generates approximately \$150 billion in annual profits, and

Whereas, traffickers prey on vulnerable groups, such as adolescents and young adults with a history of child abuse as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer, and

Whereas, human trafficking is the third highest crime activity in the state of Michigan, and

Whereas, the Wayne County Medical Society Foundation has recently made a video and online guidebook entitled "Stuck in Traffic" (available at <http://www.wcmssm.org/human-trafficking.html>) which targets high school students and early college students to educate them on the danger signs of human trafficking; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS encourage the State Board of Education, Michigan secondary schools and colleges, as well as other influential organizations to increase awareness of human trafficking and other awareness signs.

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