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3 Title: "Equality Model" for Survivors of Human Trafficking
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11 House Action: **APPROVED AS AMENDED**
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14 Whereas, Sweden pioneered the "Equality Model" in 1999, and

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16 Whereas, legalization of the sex trade creates a greater demand for sex workers, and

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18 Whereas, pimps and traffickers meet the demand by increasing the supply of more men,
19 women, and children, and

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21 Whereas, sex buyers have higher scores of hostility and less empathy for women in sex work
22 than do non-sex buyers, and

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24 Whereas, in the Equality Model, persons bought and sold in the sex trade would not be
25 arrested and incarcerated, but the sex buyers and pimps would be held accountable, and

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27 Whereas, since 1999, eight countries have enacted the Equality Model with survivors offered
28 counseling, medical care, legal aid, financial assistance, and economic empowerment, and

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30 Whereas, as a result of the Equality Model being enacted, the size of the sex trade with
31 violence, abuse, and sex trafficking has diminished, and

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33 Whereas, Peter Qualliotine, in 2012, launched a 10-week sex buyers intervention program in
34 Seattle, Washington that engaged men in deep conversation that was meant to change the way
35 they think about their personal relationships in general and prostitution specifically, and

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37 Whereas, while these programs are difficult to evaluate, they have been successful and are
38 ongoing around the country; therefore be it

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40 RESOLVED: That MSMS supports providing comprehensive trauma-informed social services
41 to human trafficking survivors and sex workers; and be it further

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43 RESOLVED: That MSMS supports an extensive education campaign to raise awareness about
44 the lifelong physical harm and trauma experienced by human trafficking victims and sex workers;
45 and be it further

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47 RESOLVED: That MSMS supports rehabilitation and education of convicted sex buyers; and
48 be it further

49 RESOLVED: That MSMS supports the further study of the Swedish Equality Model.

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52 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: \$1,000-\$2,000 for new AMA policy.

Relevant MSMS Policy:

Resolution 14-20: Curb Human Trafficking

That MSMS advocate for the passage of human trafficking legislation which toughens criminal and financial penalties for persons soliciting sexual activity for payment rather than the victims of trafficking.

Resolution 41-14: Human Trafficking

That MSMS support efforts to increase health care provider awareness of the prevalence, symptoms and signs of human trafficking in Michigan; and that MSMS support legislation providing access to, and payment for, health care services for victims of human trafficking regardless of their citizenship status.

The Recognition and Protection of Human Trafficking Victims

MSMS supports training medical students, residents, and physicians to understand their role in treating patients who are victims of human trafficking.

Human Trafficking Education and Awareness

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

Relevant AMA Policy:

Commercial Exploitation and Human Trafficking of Minors H-60.912

Our AMA supports the development of laws and policies that utilize a public health framework to address the commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking of minors by promoting care and services for victims instead of arrest and prosecution.

Physicians Response to Victims of Human Trafficking H-65.966

1. Our AMA encourages its Member Groups and Sections, as well as the Federation of Medicine, to raise awareness about human trafficking and inform physicians about the resources available to aid them in identifying and serving victims of human trafficking.

Physicians should be aware of the definition of human trafficking and of resources available to help them identify and address the needs of victims.

The US Department of State defines human trafficking as an activity in which someone obtains or holds a person in compelled service. The term covers forced labor and forced child labor, sex trafficking, including child sex trafficking, debt bondage, and child soldiers, among other forms of enslavement. Although it's difficult to know just how extensive the problem of human trafficking is, it's estimated that hundreds of thousands of individuals may be trafficked every year worldwide, the majority of whom are women and/or children.

The Polaris Project -

In addition to offering services directly to victims of trafficking through offices in Washington, DC and New Jersey and advocating for state and federal policy, the Polaris Project:

- Operates a 24-hour National Human Trafficking Hotline
- Maintains the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, which provides

- a. An assessment tool for health care professionals
- b. Online training in recognizing and responding to human trafficking in a health care context
- c. Speakers and materials for in-person training
- d. Links to local resources across the country

The Rescue & Restore Campaign -

The Department of Health and Human Services is designated under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act to assist victims of trafficking. Administered through the Office of Refugee Settlement, the Department's Rescue & Restore campaign provides tools for law enforcement personnel, social service organizations, and health care professionals.

2. Our AMA will help encourage the education of physicians about human trafficking and how to report cases of suspected human trafficking to appropriate authorities to provide a conduit to resources to address the victim's medical, legal and social needs.