

RESOLUTION No. 2010-04

on Human Trafficking

WHEREAS Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery that involves the deprivation of liberty of a person in order to exploit the victim through labor services and/or the commercial sex trade; and

WHEREAS There are an estimated 27 million people in modern-day slavery situations across the world; and

WHEREAS Human trafficking affects every country around the world, regardless of socio-economic status, history, or political structure; and

WHEREAS There are an estimated 17,500 foreign nationals who are trafficked annually in the United States alone as well as 244,000 American children at high risk for trafficking into the sex industry each year;

WHEREAS 1,000 minors were sex-trafficking victims in Ohio during the last year, and 738 foreign-born persons were trafficked for sex or labor in the past year with another 3,437 at risk; and

WHEREAS Ohio does not currently have a specific criminal offense of human trafficking, making Ohio one of the weakest states in the nation in terms of providing protection to victims of trafficking; and

WHEREAS, To combat human trafficking in Ohio and globally, the people of Ohio, including the Latino community, must be aware of the realities of human trafficking and must be dedicated to stopping this contemporary manifestation of slavery; and be it further

RESOLVED THAT:

The Ohio Latino Affairs Commission SUPPORTS federal, state, or local legislation or policy that strengthens Ohio's human trafficking laws and will work to end human trafficking through education.

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