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FROM: David Whitaker, Director   
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RE: **Recognizing January as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month**

City Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway has requested the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) to produce a resolution recognizing January as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Attached is the requested resolution. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

## **A Resolution by Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway**

### **RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH**

- WHEREAS** Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked in countries around the world, including the United States. It is estimated that human trafficking generates billions of dollars of profit per year, second only to drug trafficking; and
- WHEREAS** More than 20 years since the passing of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, human trafficking still persists, including the forced and fraudulent recruitment, harboring, and transportation of people for labor or commercial sex; and
- WHEREAS** The Biden administration, in its updated National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking, recognized the need to address social and economic conditions that create greater vulnerabilities for marginalized groups by addressing the needs of underserved individuals, families, and communities; and
- WHEREAS** An estimated 27.6 million people are subjected to human trafficking globally, including cases of human trafficking reported in every U.S. state and territory, disproportionately impacting persons of color, women, and girls, LGBTQI+ individuals, migrants, and others from historically marginalized and underserved communities; and
- WHEREAS** Over 5,000 human trafficking survivors have been identified across the state of Michigan since 2007, and the criminal industry has risen by 12% between 2016 and 2021, with Michigan currently ranking fifth in the nation in the number of cases reported by the state; and
- WHEREAS** There is a need for training and education programs, and the creation of partnerships with various community and social services agencies, because an educated public is one of the most effective weapons to assist authorities in the fight against this most heinous crime; and
- WHEREAS** The Detroit City Council is dedicated to ensuring that anyone impacted by human trafficking can receive services that provide individualized care, address the impact of trauma, and incorporate cultural and linguistic needs; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT,**
- RESOLVED** Councilmember Angela Whitfield Calloway and the Detroit City Council hereby recognize the month of January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month, reaffirming the commitment to increase awareness and education on human trafficking, to make resources available to assist individuals and communities impacted by human trafficking, and to build diverse public-private partnerships to support a more comprehensive response to prevent and respond to human trafficking.