

National Federation of Democratic Women Resolution Condemning Human Trafficking



WHEREAS, human trafficking--whether in the form of forced labor, sex trafficking, or other offenses--is an abhorrent abuse of power and a profoundly immoral crime that strikes at the safety, health, and dignity of millions of people worldwide. Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. Specifically, human trafficking is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to compel someone into labor servitude or commercial sexual exploitation. Every minor exploited for commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking, even without force, fraud, or coercion; and

WHEREAS, every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked in countries around the world, including the United States. In 2020, more than 11,000 instances of human trafficking were reported in the United States. Human trafficking disproportionately impacts persons of color, women, young girls, LGBTQI+ individuals, migrants, and others from historically marginalized and underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, The Biden Administration's updated National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking responds to this predatory behavior by addressing the needs of underserved individuals, families, and communities. The plan reflects the Administration's commitments to gender and racial equity by combating the systemic injustices that communities experience, including underserved populations. A key component of the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking is the Blue Campaign administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The Blue Campaign is a national public awareness campaign designed to educate the public, law enforcement, and other industry partners to recognize the indicators of human trafficking and how to appropriately respond to cases.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Federation of Democratic Women hereby commits to combating human trafficking by raising awareness and supporting legislation at both the federal and state level, aimed at preventing all forms of human trafficking and protecting our vulnerable populations from the abuses of human trafficking.

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