



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TEN

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN ACT RELATING TO ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND PROTECTION (S2589)

- WHEREAS,** Girls and women from all neighborhoods and backgrounds are coerced and manipulated into prostitution everyday and the average age of entry is 12-15; and,
- WHEREAS,** We know that public transportation stations in our neighborhoods are prime locations for ‘grooming’ young girls into sexual servitude; and,
- WHEREAS,** Girls and women who have been forced into this life are repeatedly exposed to physical, emotional, and sexual violence from their pimps and those that purchase sex from them (the ‘johns’); and,
- WHEREAS,** The Center for Women and Policy Studies recommends state legislatures make human trafficking a state felony offense, provide victim protection and services, and establish interagency task forces; and,
- WHEREAS,** Forty-one states have criminalization and/or human trafficking victim protection and services statutes – Massachusetts is currently NOT one of them; and,
- WHEREAS,** Senate Bill 2589 will make it a crime to subject a person to involuntary labor or sexual servitude, to intentionally transport a person for the purposes of forced labor or sexual servitude, and to patronize a human trafficking victim; and,
- WHEREAS,** Senate Bill 2589 establishes fines and prison terms for these crimes, as well as sentence enhancements for related crimes such as child victim crimes; and
- WHEREAS,** Senate Bill 2589 establishes an anti-human trafficking commission and requires the Office of the Attorney General and the MA Office of Victim Assistance to maintain data on human trafficking incidents; **THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the Boston City Council go on record in support of An Act Relating to Anti-Human Trafficking and Protection (S2589) and urges the Boston Delegation of the Massachusetts State Legislature to support passage of this bill this legislative session.

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