

1 [Urging the California State Legislature to approve legislative bill number AB 41: Human  
2 Trafficking Act, which establishes the crime of trafficking of a person for forced labor or  
3 services and the crime of trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude.]

4 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to approve AB 41: Human Trafficking**  
5 **Act, which establishes the crime of trafficking of a person for forced labor or services**  
6 **and the crime of trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude, providing various**  
7 **sentencing enhancements for these offenses. The bill would also impose state-**  
8 **mandated programs and require restitution to trafficking victims.**

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10 WHEREAS, Over 20,000 immigrants are victims of human trafficking in the U.S.; and

11 WHEREAS, Mostly immigrants are held as captives, forced to work in sweatshops,  
12 prostitution rings, farm labor and private homes; and,

13 WHEREAS, Trafficking victims include immigrants who are lured to the U.S. by false  
14 promises of jobs and then forced into sex trade or indentured service; and,

15 WHEREAS, Exploited immigrants rarely report crimes or testify against enslavers in  
16 court for fear of reprisal to their families or themselves; and,

17 WHEREAS, Over the past five years, forced labor operations have been reported in at  
18 least 90 U.S. cities; and,

19 WHEREAS, Forced labor operations have surfaced in 13 California cities; and,

20 WHEREAS, The 2000 Federal Trafficking Act criminalizes human trafficking or forced  
21 labor, making them a federal crime that must be handled by federal agents; and,

22 WHEREAS, State and local agencies lack the basic training on identifying human  
23 trafficking crimes; and,

24 WHEREAS, AB 41 would address and improve law enforcement training and tracking  
25 of human trafficking incidents; and,

1           WHEREAS, Current law holds that human trafficking is only illegal for foreign and  
2 interstate transport; and,

3           WHEREAS, AB 41 would extend current laws to include new provisions pertaining to  
4 intrastate human trafficking for forced labor or services as well as sexual servitude defining  
5 them as punishable felonies and provide for monetary restitution to survivors of human  
6 trafficking; and,

7           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State Legislature to  
8 pass AB 41, reflecting federal interstate human trafficking law by criminalizing intrastate  
9 trafficking.

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