

1 [Supporting AB 22 (Lieber).]

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3 **Resolution urging the support of AB 22 (Lieber), the California Trafficking Victims**  
4 **Protection Act.**

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6 WHEREAS, the trafficking of humans for forced labor is one of the most despicable of  
7 crimes; and,

8 WHEREAS, AB22, the California Trafficking Victims Protection Act, is the nation's most  
9 comprehensive state anti-trafficking law; and,

10 WHEREAS, AB22 means serious punishment for traffickers by providing courts with  
11 the power to order restitution to victims and force traffickers to forfeit assets gained from their  
12 criminal acts; and,

13 WHEREAS, AB22 will enable victims to seek damages from their traffickers in civil  
14 court; and,

15 WHEREAS, AB22 will help frightened victims seek out critical social services; and,

16 WHEREAS, AB22 underscores the fact that a multifaceted approach is needed to  
17 effectively address the problem of human trafficking; and,

18 WHEREAS, AB22 establishes the first statewide task force to make further  
19 recommendations for increasing law enforcement and public awareness of the problem and  
20 improving collaboration between public and private entities working to end human trafficking;  
21 and,

22 WHEREAS, AB22 is a crucial step toward putting the merchants of molestation and  
23 exploitation out of business and behind bars where they belong; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby urges members of the California  
25 State Legislature to support AB 22 (Lieber), the California Trafficking Victims Protection Act.