[Supporting Senate Bill 677 Regarding Human Trafficking]

Resolution supporting Senate Bill 677 regarding Human Trafficking, allowing courts to seize any property used in the commission of human trafficking and adding civil penalties.

WHEREAS, According to the US Department of State, approximately 600,000 to 800,000 victims are annually trafficked across international border worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Between 14,500 and 17,500 victims are trafficked into the United States each year and enslaved for purposes of sexual or labor exploitation; and,

WHEREAS, Research by the Human Rights Center at the University of California found 57 forced labor operations between 1998 and 2003 throughout California, and these operations – mostly in San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Jose – involved more than 500 victims from 18 countries; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 677, authored by Senator Leland Yee (D-San Francisco), would allow courts to seize any property, such as house or automobile, used in the commission of human trafficking, and add civil penalties up to \$25,000; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed similar legislation last year, and SB 677 would give the Governor another opportunity to provide much-needed resources in the fight against human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, SB 677 was unanimously approved by the California Senate and is now being considered by the Assembly; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports SB 677 and urges Governor Schwarzenegger to sign SB 677 if passed.



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April 06, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi

Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

Absent: 1 - Daly

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/6/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board