

SENATE THIRD READING
SCR 112 (Grove)
As Amended March 9, 2026
Majority vote

SUMMARY

Recognizes the month of January 2026 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

Major Provisions

- 1) For more than two centuries, the United States has worked to advance the cause of freedom, serving as a beacon of hope for those who cherish liberty and opportunity and leading the fight for the dignity and inalienable rights of every person.
- 2) Classified as a felony, human trafficking is a form of modern slavery. It is a crime that involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, provide, or obtain a person for the purpose of labor or sexual exploitation. As one of the most underreported crimes, it is extremely difficult to conduct accurate surveys on human trafficking.
- 3) In 2015, the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking was established by Congress. The council sits as the world's preeminent human trafficking advisory body led by survivors of human trafficking and advises federal policymakers on antitrafficking policies.
- 4) According to a United States Department of State report, racial and ethnic minority groups, the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, and indigenous populations are extremely vulnerable to exploitation due to social, legal, and cultural marginalization. Studies show that Native American women and girls are victims of human trafficking at a much higher rate compared to the overall population.
- 5) The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's "Snapshot on the State of Black Women and Girls: Sex Trafficking in the U.S." states that to better understand the high rates of sex trafficking among Black women and girls, research has indicated the continued sexualization of Black women and girls' bodies, which has played out since slavery. The myths around Black women and girls' hypersexuality and the continued treatment of Black girls as older than their age must be explored when looking at the data surrounding the prevalent rates of domestic sex trafficking of Black girls.
- 6) According to a 2024 report from the United States Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, approximately 300,000 unaccompanied migrant children are unaccounted for when transferred from the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Unaccompanied children who do not appear for court are considered at higher risk for trafficking, exploitation, or forced labor.
- 7) In 2024, the National Human Trafficking Hotline stated that there were 1,733 cases of human trafficking documented in California. And, in 2024 alone, federal courts found these cases involved 3,603 victims.
- 8) The State of California is committed to combating all forms of human trafficking, recovering victims, prosecuting offenders, advocating on behalf of victims, raising community awareness, and strengthening collaborative partnerships.

- 9) National Human Trafficking Prevention Month culminates in the annual observation of National Freedom Day on February 1.

COMMENTS

According to the Author

Human trafficking continues to devastate vulnerable communities across California, and far too many victims are children and foster youth who are specifically targeted by traffickers. SCR 112 designates January 2026 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month to raise awareness of this crime, recognize the survivors and advocates fighting it, and reaffirm California's commitment to holding traffickers accountable and protecting those at risk.

Arguments in Support

None on file

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

VOTES

SENATE FLOOR: 38-0-2

YES: Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Grove, Hurtado, Jones, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Seyarto, Stern, Strickland, Umberg, Valladares, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

ABS, ABST OR NV: Reyes, Smallwood-Cuevas

ASM RULES: 7-0-3

YES: Pacheco, Lackey, Ahrens, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Zbur

ABS, ABST OR NV: Dixon, Garcia, Sanchez

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 72-0-8

YES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Johnson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lowenthal, Macedo, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ransom, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Schultz, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

ABS, ABST OR NV: Hart, Lee, McKinnor, Papan, Ramos, Celeste Rodriguez, Sharp-Collins, Valencia

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