

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 38

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HAAHR.

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1           **WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a form of slavery in which psychological and physical  
2 coercion is used to force people to perform commercial sex acts, house-keeping, farm work, and  
3 other types of labor and services; and

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5           **WHEREAS**, the human trafficking industry generates one hundred fifty billion dollars  
6 in annual profits throughout the world on the backs of an estimated twenty-one million victims,  
7 including five and one-half million children; and

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9           **WHEREAS**, despite the efforts of dozens of nonprofit organizations dedicated to  
10 fighting human trafficking, it is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world:

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12           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
13 Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
14 concurring therein, hereby create the Human Trafficking Task Force; and

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16           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the mission of the task force shall be to raise  
17 awareness of the human trafficking problem in Missouri and provide organizations and agencies  
18 that enforce human trafficking laws and assist victims with a central place to share information;  
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21           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall consist of the following  
22 members:

23           (1) Two members of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
24 Senate;

25           (2) Two members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the  
26 House of Representatives;

27           (3) The Attorney General or his or her designee;

28           (4) The Director of the Department of Public Safety or his or her designee;

29           (5) The Director of the Department of Corrections or his or her designee;

30 (6) A circuit court judge who has experience handling juvenile court matters, appointed  
31 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

32 (7) A prosecuting or circuit attorney, appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
33 Representatives;

34 (8) A juvenile officer from a circuit court, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
35 the Senate;

36 (9) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee;

37 (10) The Director of the Department of Social Services or his or her designee;

38 (11) The Director of the Department of Mental Health or his or her designee;

39 (12) One representative from the Missouri Police Chiefs Association, appointed by the  
40 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and one representative from the Missouri Sheriffs  
41 Association, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

42 (13) One representative from the Office of Child Advocate;

43 (14) One medical provider with professional expertise in child abuse and medical  
44 forensics; and

45 (15) Four representatives from geographically diverse nongovernmental organizations  
46 that assist victims of human trafficking, two of whom shall be appointed by the President Pro  
47 Tempore of the Senate and two of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
48 Representatives; and

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50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the staffs of Senate Research, House Research,  
51 and the Joint Committee on Legislative Research shall provide such legal, research, clerical,  
52 technical, and bill drafting services as the task force may require in the performance of its duties;  
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55 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force, its members, and any staff assigned  
56 to the task force shall receive reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in  
57 attending meetings of the Task Force or any subcommittee thereof; and

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59 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall meet within two months from  
60 adoption of this resolution; and

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62 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall report a summary of its  
63 activities and any recommendations for legislation to the General Assembly by January 1, 2017;  
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65           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Human Trafficking Task Force is authorized  
66 to function during the legislative interim of both the first and second regular sessions of the 98th  
67 General Assembly, as authorized by *State v. Atterburry*, 300 S.W.2d 806 (Mo. 1957); and

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69           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall terminate on January 1, 2017;  
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72           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
73 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the  
74 Attorney General, the Director of the Department of Public Safety, the Director of the  
75 Department of Corrections, the Director of the Department of Mental Health, the Commissioner  
76 of Education, and the Director of the Department of Social Services.

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