



## **A Resolution that addresses Human Trafficking**

**Committee: Women's Issues**

**Resolution: WMN-20-05**

1. **WHEREAS**, Department of Justice's study says 94% of sex trafficking victims
2. are female and roughly three quarters are people of color.
3. **WHEREAS**, Studies report that African American girls become trafficked at
4. younger ages than their racial counterparts.
5. **WHEREAS**, African Americans victims of domestic minor sex trafficking are
6. much more vulnerable to being arrested of prostitution charges.
7. **WHEREAS**, Over-sexualization and adulting of African Americans and other
8. young girls of colors causes them to be seen as criminals rather than victims.
9. **WHEREAS**, Cyntonia Brown was charged in 2006 as an adult with first-degree
10. felony murder and aggravated robbery for killing her sexual abuser at the age of
11. 16 years old.
12. **WHEREAS**, Brown's adult charge was ruled unconstitutional based on a 2012
13. Supreme Court Ruling that found life imprisonment sentences for minors violates
14. the Eighth Amendment ban on cruel and unusual punishment
15. **WHEREAS**, African American young girls are more likely to run away from
16. foster care than their racial counterparts which also tends to make them more
17. likely to be targeted by traffickers.

18. **WHEREAS**, Traffickers tend to target individuals such as black women with a  
19. low socioeconomic status.

20. **WHEREAS**, 40 percent of sex trafficking victims were indentified as black  
21. women.

22. **WHEREAS**, In an interview with the Urban Institute trafficker ultimately  
23. believes trafficking black women would land them less jail time than trafficking  
24. white women if they were to be caught.

25. **WHEREAS**, Many children who are supposed to be protected by the child  
26. welfare system are at high risks of becoming victims of child exploitation.

27. **WHEREAS**, Evidence suggests that families of color are referred to childcare  
28. services more frequently than their white counterparts, yet necessary services are  
29. unavailable or not easily accessible to communities of color.

30. **WHEREAS**, The Trafficking Victims Protection Act provides a three pronged  
31. approach that includes prevention, prosecution and protection.

32. **WHEREAS**, The Department of Justice increased the number of human  
33. trafficking prosecutions by more than 38 percent in forced labor and adult sex  
34. trafficking cases while also increasing the number of convictions in child sex  
35. trafficking cases by 30 percent.

36. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that NOBEL Women encourages the  
37. reinforcement of human trafficking interventions and safety/awareness within  
38. schools and workplaces.

39. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that NOBEL Women supports the  
40. reauthorization of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

- 41. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that NOBEL Women supports the proper
- 42.** policing and training the human trafficking cases.
- 43. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that NOBEL Women encourages more
- state
- 44.** funding and proper training for Childcare Protection Services.
- 45. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that NOBEL Women supports The Blue
- 46.** Campaign.

**Introduced by the Honorable Toni Rose**

**Texas Legislature**