

**ZONTA CLUB OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
ESTABLISHING CIVIL LIABILITY AGAINST HOTELS AND  
MOTELS THAT ARE WILLFULLY TO BLIND HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING IN THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS**

**Whereas**, the mission of Zonta International is to be a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy; and

**Whereas**, the Zonta International Position Paper on Human Trafficking dated February 2016 states that Zonta calls on all governments to implement adequate and consistently applied criminal justice responses that result in the identification and protection of victims and in the prosecution and conviction of traffickers and smugglers; and

**Whereas**, human trafficking is the equivalent of modern day slavery and Florida is third in the nation in terms of number of human trafficking cases according to the National Resource Center on human trafficking; and

**Whereas**, it is the responsibility of all Floridians to join together to fight this horrific phenomenon; and

**Whereas**, the Zonta Club of Tallahassee and Zonta International have taken firm positions in favor of helping survivors of human trafficking; and

**Whereas**, there are over 1.2 million people working in Florida tourism industry and many more and other workplace sectors of Florida; and

**Whereas**, women are sex trafficked and labor trafficked throughout our State and the world; and

**Whereas**, even though there are many laws regarding the crimes of human trafficking and liability of traffickers in the criminal justice system, current laws are inadequate to protect victims of human trafficking in the civil justice system; and

**Whereas**, it is imperative that those who could come in contact with victims of trafficking receive training so that they can understand how to identify victims and human trafficking situations, what to do if they suspect human trafficking is taking place, and attend to safety issues affecting the workplace; and

**Whereas**, Florida law needs to be strengthened to promote increased training of those in Florida's workplaces to recognize and respond to human trafficking; and

**Whereas**, Florida law should provide civil remedies for victims of human trafficking when employers do not take all necessary steps to train their workforces and protect human trafficking victims;

**Now, THEREFORE**, be it hereby resolved that:

The Zonta Club of Tallahassee expresses its full support for legislation and policy proposals that will provide increased training and awareness programs for workplaces around Florida and avenues for victims of human trafficking to recover and be restored with civil remedies, including providing liability for any business that turns a blind eye to human trafficking taking place within their places of business.

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Jeanna Olson  
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