

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS TEXAS SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR SEXUAL PURPOSES

Whereas human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery that exploits individuals through force, fraud, or coercion for labor or commercial sexual purposes; and

Whereas Texas, due to its geographic location, large economy, and extensive transportation networks, is a major hub for human trafficking for sexual purposes, with thousands of victims impacted each year; and

Whereas human trafficking for sexual purposes disproportionately affects vulnerable populations, including women, children, immigrants, and those experiencing economic hardship or homelessness; and

Whereas the Texas Legislature has taken steps to combat human trafficking for sexual purposes through previous legislation, but continued efforts and enhanced resources are needed to strengthen prevention, enforcement, and victim services; and

Whereas public awareness, community engagement, and interagency collaboration are critical in preventing and addressing human trafficking for sexual purposes; and

Whereas stronger penalties for traffickers, increased training for law enforcement and first responders, and expanded support services for survivors are necessary to effectively combat this crisis

Therefore, let it be resolved that the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Texas strongly urges the Texas Legislature to prioritize and enact comprehensive legislation aimed at:

- 1. Strengthening penalties for human traffickers for sexual purposes and those who knowingly facilitate trafficking.
- 2. Expanding funding for victim services, including housing, healthcare, and legal assistance.
- 3. Enhancing mandatory training programs for law enforcement, educators, and healthcare professionals to identify and respond to trafficking for sexual purposes situations.
- 4. Increasing public awareness campaigns to educate communities about the signs of trafficking for sexual purposes and available resources.
- 5. Improving coordination among law enforcement agencies, non-profit organizations, and social services to ensure a more effective response; and
- 6. Providing resources for research and data collection to better understand the scope of human trafficking for sexual purposes in Texas and develop evidence-based solutions.

Be it further resolved those copies of this resolution be forwarded to members of the Texas Legislature, the Governor, and other relevant state officials to encourage legislative action and policy development to combat human trafficking for sexual purposes.

Adopted this	day of	, 2025, by the General Federation of Women's Clubs Texas, a
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