

Resolution 2

**AN APPEAL TO STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING
IN NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS there is a growing recognition that human trafficking is one of the great human rights of injustice of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS more women, young girls, and little girls are forced into sexual slavery annually than slaves were transported to the New World at the peak of the transatlantic slave trade; and

WHEREAS it is impossible to know exactly how many are being sold and forced into prostitution every year; and

WHEREAS the numbers cited in a comprehensive United Nations report from February 2009 on human trafficking are staggering; and

WHEREAS the world's numbers range from 20,000 to 50,000 each year; and

WHEREAS 79% of human trafficking is for sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS those sold into prostitution become mere cheaply sold livestock and many are treated worse than animals; and

WHEREAS many choose to be silent about their rapes and find it very difficult to speak against their sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS their numbers serve as a terrifying testimony to the lack of legal action against their abusers; and

WHEREAS implementation of humanitarian laws that already exist are rarely enforced;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that our annual conference become a major and vital voice to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2010 Annual Conference calls upon our state and local law enforcement officials to enforce the laws that already exist to help abolish human trafficking in our state by fighting and upholding the legal action against all sexual abusers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our Conference Secretary send a copy of this resolution to our State Attorney General; the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission; and to North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys.

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