Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4017
(Senators Wardner, Hogue, Schneider)
(Representatives Delmore, Klemin, K. Koppelman)

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary to support S. 2536, the Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation (SAVE) Act, to provide for more stringent inquiry into the age and circumstances of those whose availability is being advertised on websites that facilitate human trafficking.

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), human trafficking is the fastest-growing business of organized crime in the world; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated human trafficking generates nearly $150 billion each year in illegal profits; and

WHEREAS, according to the FBI, nearly 300,000 American youths are at risk of becoming victims of commercial sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, in just one week in June 2014, law enforcement arrested 281 alleged sex traffickers and took 168 children out of prostitution in a nationwide FBI crackdown; and

WHEREAS, the use of adult services sections on websites has created virtual brothels where children are bought and sold; and

WHEREAS, current federal law makes it difficult, if not impossible, for state and local law enforcement authorities to hold accountable those who use Internet websites to promote illegal trade in the sex trade, in particular those trafficking in minor children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary to support S. 2536, the Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation (SAVE) Act, to provide for more stringent inquiry into the age and circumstances of those whose availability is being advertised on websites that facilitate human trafficking; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Chairman of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this 8th day of April, 2015,

at 3:30 o'clock P M.

Secretary of State