

**THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION OPPOSING HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
(Forwarded by the Southern Legislative Conference)

RECOMMENDATION

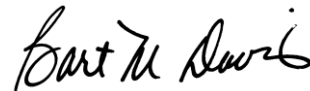
The Council of State Governments encourages lawmakers to investigate the effects of human trafficking in their own states and act to pass legislation that will address these activities. The Council of State Governments encourages the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families to work with states to further develop policies that:

- Specifically criminalize the practice of human trafficking;
- Define penalties for the various types of trafficking crimes;
- Produce stiffer penalties for crimes against minors;
- Increase training for law enforcement and local prosecutors;
- Regulate the practices of international marriage brokers and similar organizations;
- Improve communication and cooperation among local law enforcement and non-governmental organizations, as well as other service providers;
- Combat the demand for trafficking; and
- Create task forces that assess the extent of human trafficking and examine methods to combat it.

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