RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, according to the 3Strands Global Foundation, California consistently ranks number one in the nation in the number of human trafficking cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline; and

WHEREAS, the California Attorney General recognizes the magnitude of the problem and has referred to human trafficking as modern-day slavery; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is among the world's fastest growing criminal enterprises and it profits from the exploitation of vulnerable populations including minors; and

WHEREAS, SB 14 (Grove), which is currently pending before the State Assembly, seeks to include human trafficking of a minor within the definition of a serious felony under the Penal Code, including for purposes of the Three Strikes Law; and

WHEREAS, SB 14 would strengthen prevention and give a voice to the millions of victims that have suffered from the abuses of human trafficking;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 14 (Grove) which would include human trafficking of a minor within the definition of serious felony under the Penal Code, including for purposes of the Three Strikes Law.

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