



CITY OF FREEPORT

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RESOLUTION 2014-009

A RESOLUTION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WHEREAS, human trafficking is reputed to be one of the most profitable endeavors of organized crime and the fastest growing, enslaving thousands of people within our nation's borders each year and perhaps millions outside those borders. It is a crime of increasing proportions, fully repugnant to American beliefs, being a crime that preys on the world's most vulnerable people.

WHEREAS, the crime of human trafficking is slavery. It is the sexual exploitation of children for commercial purposes. It is compelling people to labor or provide services through force, fraud, or coercion, whether citizens, legal residents, or persons having entered the country illegally. It is also taking from a person his or her travel documents (passports and or visas, whether authentic or forged) to compel that person's labor or services.

WHEREAS, the United States is generally a destination for trafficking victims who are recruited in their home countries and transported through other countries. Movement is not required for human trafficking to occur. Many U.S. citizens are trafficked, usually teenage girls and boys, who are preyed upon by pimps and trafficked for prostitution and other sex related crimes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, that the City Council of the municipality of Freeport, Minnesota hereby petitions the Governor of the State of Minnesota, Mark Dayton, to submit proposed legislation to the State Legislature of the State of Minnesota that would amend the criminal code as follows:

1. Any person or entity who uses human trafficking, children, child porn, pedophilia, to compromise, extort or cause another person to do an unwilling act shall be guilty of a felony with a mandatory twenty-five (25) year to life in prison, no parole, prison sentence.
2. Any person or entity that buys, sells, trades, or in any way promotes, enables, or profits from human trafficking, pedophilia, human compromise, extortion, or uses children in a criminal manner shall be guilty of a felony with a mandatory twenty-five (25) year to life in prison with no parole prison sentence.
3. The use of electronics, social media, or any other form of communications to facilitate, promote, or further human trafficking, child porn, pedophilia, human compromise, extortion, use of children in a criminal manner shall be a felony with a mandatory fine of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per incident and a ten (10) year prison sentence for each party involved.
4. Any person, agency, or other entity that interferes, threatens, harasses, impedes, or in any way compromises an investigator, investigation, prosecution, or witness in human trafficking, child porn, pedophilia, or criminal use of children case shall be guilty of a felony with a mandatory five (5) year prison sentence.

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5. Any enforcement agency, agent, prosecutor, elected government official, or any other authority that fails to act with due haste on human trafficking, pedophilia or the criminal use of children complaint or then fails in do a complete investigation of the complaint shall be guilty of a felony.

WHEREAS, as heinous as these crimes of human trafficking, pedophilia, human compromise and sexual exploitation of children are, it is recognized that an overzealous, uninformed law enforcement agency, prosecutor, social worker, or mental health expert who uses less than scientific investigative methods to conduct a “witch hunt,” resulting in the conviction of an innocent person, can wreak havoc on our society and fail to provide any real solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT:

1. For this reason there must be designated an Oversight Official to prevent innocent persons from becoming another victim and furthering an already heinous crime.
2. Upon conviction of either of the above sections (1), (2) or (3) and affirmation by the Oversight Official, all assets of the perpetrator(s) or entities involved shall be seized and given to the victim(s).

Dated this 25TH day of February, 2014

Motion by: Ken Goebel

Second by: Matt Worms

Council members in favor: Ken Goebel, Matt Worms, Ron Ritter & Rodney Atkinson

Opposed or abstained: None