

IV. BACKGROUND

On June 15, 2011, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton released the 10th Annual Trafficking in Persons Report. Its findings will raise global awareness and spur countries to take effective actions to counter trafficking persons. The report outlines the continuing challenges across the globe, including in the United States. This human rights abuse is universal, and no one should claim immunity from its reach or from the responsibility to confront it.

Ten years ago, the United Nations negotiated the international standards against trafficking in persons and the United States enacted the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. Since then, the international community has witnessed tangible progress in the effort to end the scourge of trafficking in persons. More victims have been protected, more cases have been successfully prosecuted, and more instances of this human rights abuse have been prevented.

Countries that once denied the existence of human trafficking now work to identify victims and help them overcome the trauma of modern slavery, as well as hold responsible those who enslave others. Although progress has undoubtedly been made against this global phenomenon, there is more work to be done. Passage of Resolution No. 11-094 would create additional awareness in our city about this tragic, ongoing problem.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Resolution No. 11-094. (pg. 4-5)

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