

RESOLUTION NO. 11-094

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE CITY OF
CARSON A "HUMAN TRAFFICKING FREE CITY"

WHEREAS, the problem of "human trafficking" – i.e. the illegal trade of human beings for the purposes of slavery, forced labor and/or commercial or sexual exploitation – has become an issue of increasing concern to government agencies, law enforcement and municipal governments in California, including that of the City of Carson; and

WHEREAS, as evidenced by the following statistics, the issue of "human trafficking" has become a widespread problem of international, national and local concern:

- 27 million people are in modern-day slavery across the world
- 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders
- 1 million children are exploited by the global commercial sex trade every year
- \$32 billion in annual profits are generated by the illegal human trafficking industry
- 17,500 foreign nationals are trafficked into the United States every year
- 244,400 American children and youth are estimated to be at risk of sexual exploitation
- Between 2005 and 2007, 559 trafficking victims were identified in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, by this Resolution, the City Council of the City of Carson resolves to do its share to prevent "human trafficking" and increase awareness regarding this issue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, and ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Carson shall be declared a "Human Trafficking Free City," and the City of Carson hereby expresses its opposition to any and all forms of human trafficking.

Section 2. The Carson Sheriff's Department is directed to ensure that facts about this crime are made available in a greater manner to all Carson residents by way of the city website, Carson Sheriff Newsletters and/or the Carson Reporter.

Section 3. The City Council of the City of Carson encourages its member organizations and fellow local elected officials, including the Los Angeles City Council, County and State officials, and the California League of Cities, to sponsor legislative initiatives regarding this issue.

Section 4. The City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the California Alliance to Combat Trafficking and Slavery Task Force, the United Nations