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## COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Bill: A.02771/S.78A

Sponsor: Assemblyman Dinowitz, Senator Padavan

NYSPAC Position: SUPPORT

The New York State Public Affairs Committee (NYSPAC) of the Junior League supports the enactment of legislation to combat human trafficking. NYSPAC applauds the New York State Senate in supporting legislation that helps to address this important issue by passing S.78A earlier this year, and also supports the Assembly's efforts to pass a bill on this important issue. **NYSPAC urges members of the New York State Assembly and Senate to work together to enact a strong, comprehensive state law immediately.**

Human trafficking is considered modern-day slavery. Most victims are women and minors from various parts of the world who are financially strapped and lured by traffickers into believing that they will be given good jobs overseas that will help them and their families out of poverty. Victims soon realize that they have been deceived, but must continue their labor/sex servitude despite the brutal conditions because their lives or the lives of their loved ones are threatened, their documents confiscated and their movements and ability to leave restricted.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, an estimated 14,000 people are trafficked through the United States each year. New York State is a major port of entry, transit and destination for human trafficking for the United States.

These forced work arrangements have helped human trafficking become the third most profitable illegal trade after drug and gun trafficking. The Federal Bureau of Investigation estimates that human trafficking brings in \$9.5 billion of revenue per year.

The federal government passed the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (VTVPA) as an initial measure to protect victims and combat trafficking. Recognizing that many more human trafficking activities would be better identified and addressed by local law enforcement entities, the U.S. Department of Justice introduced a model state law for state legislators to use to address the gaps between community efforts and the VTVPA. As a response, twenty-nine states have passed some form of human trafficking legislation since 2003.

We strongly believe that supporting a state law which **extensively defines what trafficking is, provides strong penalties for perpetrators, and grants assistance to victims is urgently needed in the state of New York to prevent wider spread of this trade in both the state and the United States as a whole.** The signing of a comprehensive anti-human trafficking law would yield immediate results in capturing more traffickers and freeing victims from their abusers.

On behalf of the more than 7,000 women represented by the 19 Junior Leagues of New York, we **urge the codes committee to support bringing together the best components of both A.02771 and S.78A in order to effectively stop traffickers from conducting any kind of servitude business in our communities, deter profiteers from returning to the illegal trade by establishing strong penalties, and provide assistance to the victims in restoring their freedom.**

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