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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 governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is an ongoing problem in the United States, with thousands of people being coerced into forced labor or prostitution across the country; and

WHEREAS, California recognizes this is a serious problem, and has consistently lead the United States in efforts to combat human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, over twenty bills have been introduced in the state legislature since January 2016 to address human trafficking issues; and

WHEREAS, while much is being done to address this issue, there is no statewide entity coordinating the efforts of agencies across the state, collecting and analyzing data on this issue, or monitoring the effectiveness of legislation designed to combat human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, statewide coordination is necessary if California wants to effectively work towards ending human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, AB 1731 (Atkins) would create a Statewide Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force within the California Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, this task force would be responsible for gathering statewide data on issues related to human trafficking, recommending interagency protocols and best practices for training and outreach to organizations involved in combatting human trafficking and evaluating and implementing new approaches to increasing public awareness of this issue; and

WHEREAS, the bill would authorize the task force to create an advisory committee or advisory committees, comprised of subject matter experts, including but not limited to, representatives of relevant county and municipal agencies, survivors, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and any other entities, groups, or individuals the task force deems appropriate; and

WHEREAS, this task force would enable California to more effectively measure human trafficking and come up with solutions to address this problem in the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015 - 2016 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1731 (Atkins), which would create a statewide Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force within the California Department of Justice.

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