RESOLUTION No.

Support the internationally sanctioned United Nations "Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons," and support the protocol's opposition to the criminal trafficking of human beings (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime defines trafficking in persons as "recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons by improper means such as force, abduction, fraud or coercion, for an improper purpose, like forced or coerced labor, servitude, slavery or sexual exploitation;" and

WHEREAS, this form of international organized crime inhibits fundamental human rights and particularly affects women and children; and

WHEREAS, in November, 2000, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the above-named Protocol to further the prevention of human trafficking and the protection of its victims; and

WHEREAS, also in the year 2000, the United States Congress passed the Trafficking Victims Protection Act for the purpose of penalizing traffickers and defending their victims; and

WHEREAS, the United States Government estimates that between 600,000 and 800,000 adults and children are annually trafficked across international borders to be forced into labor or commercial sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the destructive practices of trafficking are known to damage both those persons exploited, as well as the communities they inhabit; and

WHEREAS, efforts against human trafficking unite communities, law enforcement agencies, non-governmental organizations, and nations-states into a cooperative force promoting human rights; and

WHEREAS, Council's support of domestic and international actions against human trafficking can contribute to furthering the efforts already begun, including preventative measures, educational campaigns, and public awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Portland declares its opposition to and condemnation of criminally injurious activities, which exploit persons in an economic or sexual manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution affirms the City of Portland's commitment to the principles of human rights as well as to the beliefs and actions combating trafficking in human beings.

Adopted by the Council,

Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Commissioner Randy Leonard
Commissioner Erick Sten

GARY BLACKMER
Auditor of the City of Portland
By

Deputy

Prepared by: Nora Donovan
(08/03/06)

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