



Resolution
of the
Board of County Commissioners
St. Louis County, Minnesota
Adopted on: January 14, 2014 Resolution No. 14-46
Offered by Commissioner: Stauber

**Support for Federal Legislation Addressing the Crime
of Sex Trafficking of Children**

WHEREAS, To bolster actions by law enforcement, society must assist in eliminating sex crimes by altering practices to make it more difficult for criminals to engage in sex trafficking in the state of Minnesota and all states of the country; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota County Attorneys, specifically in St. Louis and Ramsey counties, have previously committed to treating children who are trafficked, as victims and not as delinquents; and

WHEREAS, In 2011 the Minnesota Legislature and Governor Dayton enacted the "Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Youth Act" which identified prostituted children as victims of sexual exploitation and called upon the state to create a framework for implementation of the changes inherent in the new law by August 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota counties have demonstrated a willingness to play a leading role in the fight against the sex trafficking of children through the efforts of their child protection, public health, human services, housing, law enforcement, prosecution, and local corrections and probation services; and

WHEREAS, The "Minnesota Girls are Not for Sale" campaign, funded by the Minnesota Women's Foundation, has garnered statewide support and national coverage for efforts to identify and stop the exploitation of girls in our communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That St. Louis County will continue to take a shared leadership role in developing a victim-centered response to eliminating sex trafficking of children;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County encourages community awareness through support of "National Human Trafficking Awareness Month," January 2014;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That St. Louis County supports the federal legislative efforts of Senator Amy Klobuchar to expand the language of existing legislation that will help eliminate sex trafficking across the country by giving prosecutors the tools they need to combat the crimes and ensure support for the victims of those crimes.

Commissioner Stauber moved the adoption of the Resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:
Yeas – Commissioners Jewell, Miller, Dahlberg, Stauber, Nelson, Raukar and Chair Forsman - 7
Nays – None

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of County Auditor, ss
County of St. Louis

I, DONALD DICKLICH, Auditor of the County of St. Louis, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 14th day of January, A D. 2014, and that this is a true and correct copy.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Duluth, Minnesota, this 14th day of January, A.D., 2014.

DONALD DICKLICH, COUNTY AUDITOR

By

Deputy Auditor/Clerk of the County Board