

### **167A Human Trafficking and Slavery Resolution - approved**

- 1 Resolved, That this 167th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa hereby
- 2 urges and encourages a vote of the Iowa Legislature on providing in the FY2021 Iowa
- 3 Appropriation Bill of the Attorney General Office a separate line item for funding to
- 4 address human trafficking and slavery services only.

#### Explanation:

Currently, Human Trafficking initiatives are getting funding in the Iowa Attorney General's Office Budget under the Victim ~~assistance~~ Assistance Division (CVAD) - sexual abuse and assault line item of Iowa's Appropriation Bill. A second source of funding comes from the Victims of Crime (VOCA) grants, which is matching state and federal funding. What is really needed is a specific dedicated area of the budget for human trafficking, both sex and labor. By providing a line item in the budget, funding would be secured for providing education, awareness, and prevention programs as well as funding direct services to trafficking survivors.