



**Resolution R-03-22**  
**The University of Alabama**  
**26th Senate 2021-2022**

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**Endorsed By:** West Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force; Jillian Fields, President of the Student Government Association

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE CREATION OF A WORKING GROUP TO ASSESS THE  
FEASIBILITY OF A YEARLY HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING AND  
AWARENESS EVENT WITH THE WEST ALABAMA HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK  
FORCE**

*Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled*

*WHEREAS*, January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month; and

*WHEREAS*, Tuscaloosa is situated on major human trafficking routes for both sex and labor trafficking organizations; and

*WHEREAS*, There are more than 200 reported cases of human trafficking in Alabama between 2018 and 2020; and

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama is a large community consisting of 38,320 students that may not have had prior training in identifying and reporting instances of domestic slavery and human trafficking; and

*WHEREAS*, The West Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force— consisting of personnel from Tuscaloosa, Northport, and University of Alabama Police Departments, Tuscaloosa County Sheriff and District Attorney Offices, and Trafficking Hope— are committed to educating and training the student body on human trafficking; and

*WHEREAS*, The University of Alabama is committed to protecting and educating it's community and those who reside in it; NOW

**THEREFORE, *be it RESOLVED***, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association expresses its support for the idea of a yearly human trafficking training and awareness event done in conjunction with the West Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force.

***Be it further resolved***, that the University of Alabama Student Government Association creates a working group, composed of campus administrators and campus organization leaders, to further assess the feasibility of a yearly human trafficking training and awareness event.

***Be it further resolved***, That the University of Alabama commits to providing a safe environment, internally and externally, with an emphasis on reducing regional human trafficking.

***Be it further resolved***, that copies of this resolution be to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Myron Pope, Vice President of Student Life; Tonjanita Johnson, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Christine Taylor, Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Dr. Steven Hood, Senior Associate Vice President; Dr. Stacy Jones, Interim Dean of Students; Jim Dalton, Executive Vice President and Provost; Donald Elswick, Executive Director in the Director's Office; Keely Brewer, Editor-In-Chief of The Crimson White; Jillian Fields, President of the Student Government Association; Chapman Greer, President of Faculty Senate; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Advisor of the Student Government Association; Dr. Ruperto Perez, Associate Vice President for Student Health and Well-being; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.