Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 7/24/2013 Reference No.: CR-074-2013

Draft No.: 1

Toles **Proposer(s):**

Sponsor(s): Toles, Campos, Davis, Franklin, Harrison, Lehman, Olson, Turner

Item Title: A Resolution establishing the Human Trafficking Task Force to

address the issue of Human Trafficking in Prince George's County, to educate the public about human trafficking, to identify and serve victims of human trafficking and to increase prosecution of traffickers.

Drafter: Colette R. Gresham, Legislative Officer

Resource **Personnel:**

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Executive Date Presented: Action:

Committee Referral:

7/9/2013 - PSFM

Effective Date:

Committee

7/11/2013 - FAV

Action:

Date **Introduced:**

7/9/2013

Public Hearing:

Council Action (1)

7/24/2013 - ADOPTED

Council Votes:

WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A

P Pass/Fail: Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety and Fiscal Management

Date 7/11/2013

REPORT: COMMITTEE VOTE: Favorable 3-0 (Councilmembers: Toles, Harrison and

Lehman)

This resolution establishes the Human Trafficking Task Force to address the issue of human trafficking in the County, to educate the public about human trafficking, to identify and serve victims of human trafficking and to increase prosecution of traffickers. The Task Force would be composed of 15 members. Mike Lyles, Executive Director, Human Relations Commission, spoke in support of the legislation and informed the Committee members of the eight committees that have been established to work on human trafficking issues in the County. Currently individuals working on human trafficking issues from the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia have asked to be a part of the committee meetings. Mr. Lyles stated that the creation of a Task Force will assist in requesting resources and funding to combat human trafficking through partnerships with government and private entities and to obtain a Federal grant from the Department of Justice.

The Office of Law has reviewed this legislation and finds it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

There will not be an adverse fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-74-2013.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The proposed legislation establishes a Human Trafficking Task Force to address the issue of Human Trafficking in the County, to educate the public about human trafficking, to identify and serve victims of human trafficking and to increase prosecution of traffickers.

INCLUSION FILES:		