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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 26 TO 9GCA, RELATIVE TO THE CRIME OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMANS

1	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:	
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3	Section 1. A new Chapter 26 is added to 9GCA to read:	Comments Comments Againment Againment Comments
4	Chapter 26	(C)
5	Trafficking In Humans Prevention Act	
6	§26100. Short Title	Ö
7	This Act shall be called the "Human Trafficking Prevention Act."	EAM
8	§26101. Legislative Findings and Intent	
9	(A) Findings—I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that:	
10	1. At least 15,000 women and girls are trafficked into the United Stat	es each
11	year for forced labor.	
12	2. Trafficked women come into the United States from desp	erately
13	impoverished communities in Asia, Eastern Europe, Africa and	l Latin
14	America.	
15	3. Traffickers employ a variety of deceptions to lure desperatel	y poor
16	women with false promises of jobs and opportunities in the United St	ates.

1 4. Human trafficking for forced sexual or labor exploitation takes a variety of forms—forced prostitution, forced participation in the production of 2 pornography and other forms of commercial sexual activity, forced labor in 3 sweatshops, households, agricultural fields and other workplaces, and 4 5 commercial or exploitative marriages. 5. Women and girls who are trafficked for exploitive labor, as domestic 6 7 workers in private homes and as laborers in sweatshops or agricultural 8 fields, are almost always subject to sexual violence. 9 **(B)** Purpose—This law is enacted to prevent human trafficking, and to provide assistance to the victims of human trafficking. 10 11 §26103. Prevention Of Human Trafficking And Protection Of Victims 12 (A) Crime Of Human Trafficking 13 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to recruit, harbor, transport or obtain a 14 person for the purpose of forced labor or forced sexual exploitation by: 15 (a) Causing or threatening to cause serious harm to any person; 16 17 (b) Physically restraining or threatening to physically restrain another 18 person; (c) Abusing or threatening to abuse the law or legal process; 19 (d) Knowingly destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating or 20 possessing any actual or purported passport or other immigration 21 document, or any other actual or purported government identification 22 document, of another person; or 23 24 (e) Blackmail or extortion. 2. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of the crime of 25

human trafficking, which is a second degree felony punishable by

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imprisonment for not more than five (5) years or by a fine not to exceed 1 2 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000), or both. 3. The court shall order restitution to victims of human trafficking, 3 including the value to the offender of the victim's labor or services. 4 5 4. In any civil action by a victim of human trafficking against violators of 6 this section, the court may award attorney's fees and costs, and impose 7 punitive damages. (B) Legal Protections For Victims 8 1. In a criminal prosecution, the defendant may offer as an affirmative 9 defense or a mitigating factor that the defendant participated in the crime 10 11 because he or she was the victim of human trafficking. 2. The victims of human trafficking shall be eligible, without regard to their 12 13 immigration status, for benefits available through the 8GCA: Chapter 161. (C) Rights of alleged victims 14 15 1. An alleged victim of an offense under this Chapter: (a) may not be detained in a facility that is inappropriate to the 16 victim's status as a crime victim; 17 (b) may not be jailed, fined, or otherwise penalized due to having 18 been the victim of the offense; and 19 20 (c) shall be provided protection if the victim's safety is at risk or if there is danger of additional harm by recapture of the victim by the 21 22 person who allegedly committed the offense, including: 23 (1) taking measures to protect the alleged victim and the 24 victim's family members from intimidation and threats of 25 reprisals and reprisals from the person who allegedly

committed the offense or the person's agent; and

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(2) ensuring that the names and identifying information of the alleged victim and the victim's family members are not disclosed to the public.

(D) Helping Victims Obtain T-Visas

- 1. Within Fifteen (15) days, weekends and Government of Guam holidays excepted, of the first encounter with a victim of human trafficking, law enforcement agents shall provide the victim with a completed Form I-914 Supplement B, Declaration of Law Enforcement Officer for Victim of Trafficking in Persons (LEA Declaration) in accordance with 8 C.F.R. §214.11(f)(1).
- 2. Where Guam law enforcement agencies find the grant of an LEA Declaration is inappropriate for a trafficking victim, the agency shall within Fifteen (15) days, weekends and Government of Guam holidays excepted, provide the victim with a letter explaining the grounds of the denial of the LEA Declaration. The victim may submit additional evidence to the law enforcement agency, which must reconsider the denial of the LEA Declaration within seven days of the receipt of additional evidence.
 - 3. Law Enforcement Officers and agencies, for purposes of this section, shall be those designated by the Attorney General who may enforce the provisions of this Act.

§26104. Administration

(A) SOCIAL SERVICES FOR TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

1. The Director of the Department of the Department of Public Health and Social Services shall convene and chair a work group to develop written protocols for delivery of services to human trafficking victims. In addition

- to the Secretary, the work group shall include senior representatives from the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Guam Police Department, the Department of Labor, The Guam Public School System, the Attorney General, and two (2) representatives from nonprofit organizations that provide social services and may be able to provide assistance to trafficking victims.
 - 2. The protocols shall set forth guidelines for providing for the social service needs of human trafficking victims, including housing, food, health and mental health care, English language classes, job training and placement. These services shall be available to victims of human trafficking without regard to their immigration status.
 - 3. The work group shall finalize the protocols and submit them with a report to the Legislature and the Governor on or before July 1, 2009.

(B) Law Enforcement Training

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- 1. On or before October 1, 2008, the Attorney General shall establish training standards for law enforcement officers on the subject of human trafficking. The course of instruction, learning and performance objectives, and training standards shall be developed by the Attorney General in consultation with experts in the field of human trafficking.
 - 2. The training shall be compulsory for all state and local law enforcement officers and shall include:
 - (a) Identification of human trafficking;
 - (b) Communicating with traumatized persons;
 - (c) Appropriate investigative techniques;
 - (d) Collaboration with federal law enforcement officials;
 - (e) Rights and protections afforded to victims;

1	(f) Provision for documentation that satisfies the I-914 Supplement E
2	Declaration of Law Enforcement Officer for Victim of Trafficking in
3	Persons required by federal law; and
4	(g) Availability of community resources to assist trafficking victims.
5	3. Where appropriate, the training presenters shall include human trafficking
6	experts with experience in the delivery of services to victims of human
7	trafficking.