

I MOVE to amend Resolution 23-104 to insert this item at the end of the Borough Action Priorities as follows:

SUPPORT INCREASED PENALTIES FOR HUMAN AND SEX TRAFFICKING CRIMES.

The Assembly supports House Bill 68 and Senate Bill 66 to strengthen Alaska's existing human and sex trafficking crimes to result in more successful prosecutions and deter new crimes of this nature. The State of Alaska has one of the highest rates of trafficking per capita in the U.S. According to the FBI Crime Data Explorer, and Alaska News Source, respectively, Alaska's rate of sexual assault is nearly four times the national average, and child sexual assault in Alaska is nearly six times the national average. House Bill 68 and Senate Bill 66 increase the penalties for all forms of trafficking, placing the most serious classifications on those crimes that use force to traffic an underage person into sex work. These bills also provide legal protection and life-changing tools for trafficking victims.