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**RE: SCR 9 OF 2016**

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

The Louisiana State Law Institute respectfully submits herewith its interim report to the legislature relative to human trafficking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William E. Crawford".

William E. Crawford  
Director

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**LOUISIANA STATE LAW INSTITUTE  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMITTEE**

**INTERIM REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE  
IN RESPONSE TO SCR 9 OF THE 2016 SECOND  
EXTRAORDINARY SESSION**

**Relative to human trafficking**

Prepared for the  
Louisiana Legislature on

**January 31, 2017**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY SENATORS MIZELL, ALARIO, APPEL, BARROW, CLAITOR, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, GARY SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of revisions or additions to present laws regarding human trafficking.

WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 27 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature created and provided for the Joint Human Trafficking Study Commission to study the conditions, needs, issues, and problems relative to human trafficking in Louisiana and to recommend any action or legislation that the commission deemed necessary or appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Human Trafficking Study Commission terminated on January 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature subsequently enacted several acts related to human trafficking, including Act Nos. 554, 564, and 569 of the 2014 Regular Session, Act Nos. 229, 327, and 509 of the 2015 Regular Session, and Act Nos. 269 and 298 of the 2016 Regular Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature could benefit from a comprehensive review of other states' laws pertaining to human trafficking, specifically those with the goal of combating and eliminating human trafficking and rehabilitating the victims thereof.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations regarding the benefit of enacting additional laws pertaining to human trafficking, specifically those with the goal of combating and eliminating human trafficking and rehabilitating the victims thereof.

**SCR NO. 9**

**ENROLLED**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit a written report of its findings, together with any recommendations in the form of proposed legislation, to the Legislature of Louisiana no later than February 1, 2017.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

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**PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

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**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**INTERIM REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE  
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9 of the 2016 Second Extraordinary Session requested the Louisiana State Law Institute ("Law Institute") to study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of revisions or additions to present laws regarding human trafficking. The resolution also called for the Law Institute to study and make recommendations regarding the benefit of enacting additional laws with the goal of combating and eliminating human trafficking and rehabilitating the victims thereof. To that end, the Law Institute created the Human Trafficking Committee, comprised of judges, lawyers, professors, service providers, social workers, and law enforcement with expertise in this area, to undertake this project.

The Committee has met numerous times and will present proposed legislation to the Law Institute Council on February 18, 2017. Upon receiving full approval of its project from the Council, recommendations in the form of proposed legislation will be submitted to the Legislature. We anticipate the possibility of having a final report and proposed legislation to the Legislature for the 2017 Regular Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Professor Lucy McGough, Reporter  
Human Trafficking Committee  
Louisiana State Law Institute