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STATE OF NEBRASKA

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TO: Nebraska State Senators and Clerk of the Legislature  
FROM: Governor Task Force on Human Trafficking, Subcommittee on Research  
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**On July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 a task force was appointed. A report is to be submitted not later than one year after July 19, 2012, and every July 1 and December 1 thereafter, the task force shall report to the Clerk of the Legislature the results of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect by filing the report with the clerk.**

The task force shall examine the extent to which human trafficking is prevalent in this state, the scope of efforts being taken to prevent human trafficking from occurring, and the services available to victims of human trafficking in this state. The task force shall also investigate the limitations upon victims who wish to come forward and seek medical attention; investigate the potential to stop human trafficking; and investigate the potential to promote recovery, to protect families and children who may be profoundly impacted by such abuse, and to save lives.

Attached is a copy of the subcommittee July 1, 2015 human trafficking research report.

## **A Research Feasibility Study was approved by the Governor Task Force and was completed in May of 2015.**

Dr. Dwayne Ball and Dr. Ron Hampton from UNL conducted the study.

Project #14289 titled “Estimation of Sex Trafficking in Nebraska-Phase I” was approved by UNL.

Over 50 research studies have been conducted by Dwayne and Ron with 11 of them specifically focused on human trafficking.

The purpose of this subcontract project is to provide research/statistical assistance in identifying 1) the scope of the research question: what are the numbers of prostituted underage women in Nebraska, who are therefore victims of sex trafficking? 2) The potential sources of data/information and 3) developing a statistical methodology and indicators (estimation approach) to estimate the numbers of victims of sex trafficking at one point in time.

The successful completion of this phase now provides the Legislature with verified information on the number of Nebraska minor girls each year that are victims of human trafficking.

Attached is the completed study.