



2020 NAHT Legislation Priorities

- I. The NAHT asks the Legislature to pass a Hotel/Motel Training Bill. The bill should require the Department of Public Safety to oversee the administration of the training program in relation to hotels meeting training requirements as a condition to receive Iowa government contracts. In other words, if the hotel had no human trafficking awareness training, state employees could not stay at that hotel.

- II. The NAHT asks the Iowa Legislature to adopt a “Safe Harbor” law to decriminalize child sex trafficking survivors. Minors would no longer be charged with prostitution and instead receive services.

From our experience in Iowa, we know that passing laws to end the criminalization of child sex trafficking victims is challenging, but 23 states and DC have already taken steps to address this injustice.

- III. Supports restoration of \$1.7 M cut to state funding for the Victim Assistance Grants in the Crime Victim Assistance Division in the Attorney General Office and requests the Iowa Legislature to create a new funding appropriation of \$1M designated for Human Trafficking Prevention, Education and Treatment Services. This new source of funding for human trafficking should not result in taking away funding from existing state appropriations.

- IV. The NAHT requests that the Iowa Legislature enact legislation to expand and improve anti-human trafficking laws.
 - a. Increase the punishment for sex purchasers (Johns) to deter others from purchasing sex. Enact statutes to allow law enforcement to impound a vehicle used in certain crimes:
 - i. Trafficking of person, involuntary servitude, and related offense
 - ii. Prostitution

 - b. Allow civil suits for victims of trafficking
 - c. Enact legislation that criminalizes the transportation of persons for the purpose of commercialized sex acts

- V. The Iowa NAHT asks that either the Iowa Supreme Court adopt rules or that the Iowa Legislature enact legislation to add human trafficking victims to Iowa’s Rape Shield law.