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Representatives LaTourette, Boyd

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Pelanda**

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in
Ohio, April 2017.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April 2017 2
as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio; and 3

WHEREAS, The incidents and prevalence of child abuse and 4
neglect have reached alarming proportions, and as a measure to 5
address this issue, April was designated as National Child Abuse 6
and Neglect Prevention Month by the United States Congress in 7
1983. During the month of April each year, various educational 8
activities and events are coordinated in an effort to seek and 9
apply solutions to this escalating problem; and 10

WHEREAS, Statistics of children who are abused and neglected 11
in the State of Ohio and across the country continue to increase. 12
In order to prevent the increase of this crime in the future, it 13
is necessary for all concerned citizens to join in educating the 14
general public, including potential offenders, about the effects 15
of this injustice and in developing a general consciousness 16
regarding its far-reaching devastation; and 17

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect is a community problem, and 18
finding the key to ending it depends on the cooperation and 19
involvement of public leaders, family members, educators, and 20
faith-based and civic organizations throughout the area. It is 21
vital that we all join forces to prevent the occurrence and 22
reoccurrence of this preventable crime, and Child Abuse and 23

Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio is a fitting time to focus our 24
attention on this problem, not only throughout our state but also 25
across our nation; therefore be it 26

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 27
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 28
this Resolution, recognize April 2017 as Child Abuse and Neglect 29
Prevention Month in Ohio and urge all citizens to observe the 30
month with appropriate programs and activities; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 32
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 33
media of Ohio. 34