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**Senator Kunze
Cosponsor: Senator Thomas**

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to acknowledge Child Abuse and
Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio, April 2017; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to increase public knowledge and
understanding of the issues surrounding the abuse and neglect of
minors, the month of April was first designated by the U.S.
Congress as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in
1983, with commemorative legislation passed each year since.
Affecting youth of all races and socio-economic backgrounds, child
abuse and neglect has long-lasting repercussions, not only for
victims and their families but also for communities and society as
a whole; and

WHEREAS, Childhood is a formative time, and communities,
family members, educators, public officials, and faith-based
organizations all play important roles in helping to ensure that
our children are safe and can grow surrounded by love and
stability. Every Ohioan has a responsibility to support children
and promote safe and stable families across our state; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect prevention is the most
critical issue we can address for the long-term prosperity of our
country. Effective child development is hindered by toxic stress
resulting from child abuse and neglect, yet we can unite in
actualizing a more promising and bright future for this next
generation of leaders by promoting parental resiliency, social

connection, concrete support, and knowledge of the social and 25
emotional aspects of parenting and child development. We hold 26
sacred the trust of Ohio's most valuable resource, our children, 27
and the future of our country depends on the opportunities we 28
provide them today; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 30
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize 31
April 2017 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio; 32
and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 34
authenticated copies of this Resolution to the Ohio Children's 35
Trust Fund and the news media of Ohio. 36