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**Senator Kunze**

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Sykes, Eklund, Craig, Roegner, Burke, Coley, Wilson, Rulli, Huffman, S.,  
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**A RESOLUTION**

Recognizing April 2019 as Child Abuse and Neglect  
Prevention Month in Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General 1  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to acknowledge Child Abuse and 2  
Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio, April 2019; and 3

WHEREAS, In an effort to increase public knowledge and 4  
understanding of the issues surrounding the abuse and neglect of 5  
minors, the month of April was recently designated by Ohio 6  
Governor Mike DeWine as National Child Abuse and Neglect 7  
Prevention Month. Affecting youth of all races and socio-economic 8  
backgrounds, child abuse and neglect has long-lasting 9  
repercussions, not only for victims and their families but also 10  
for communities and society as a whole; and 11

WHEREAS, Childhood is a formative time, and communities, 12  
family members, educators, public officials, and faith-based 13  
organizations all play important roles in helping to ensure that 14  
our children are safe and can grow surrounded by love and 15  
stability. Every Ohioan has a responsibility to support children 16  
and promote safe and stable families across our state; and 17

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect prevention is the most 18  
critical issue we can address for the long-term prosperity of our 19  
country. Effective child development is hindered by toxic stress 20  
resulting from child abuse and neglect, yet we can unite in 21

actualizing a more promising and bright future for this next 22  
generation of leaders by promoting parental resiliency, social 23  
connection, concrete support, and knowledge of the social and 24  
emotional aspects of parenting and child development. We hold 25  
sacred the trust of Ohio's most valuable resource, our children, 26  
and the future of our country depends on the opportunities we 27  
provide them today; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 29  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize 30  
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio, April 2019; and 31  
be it further 32

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