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**Representative LaTourette**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention  
Month in Ohio, April 2015.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April 2015 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio; and

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

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

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

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio is a fitting time to focus attention upon this problem, not only throughout our state but also across our nation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize April 2015 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio and urge all citizens to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities; and be it further

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