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**Senator Kunze**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio, April 2018.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April 2018 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 show that the number of children who are abused and neglected in the State of Ohio and across the country continues to rise. 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 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 our attention on this problem, not only throughout our state but also across our nation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 132nd 27  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize 28  
April 2018 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio and 29  
urge all citizens to observe the month with appropriate programs 30  
and activities; and be it further 31

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