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Representatives Boyd, Carruthers

A R E S O L U T I O N

Designating Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month
April 2021.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General 1
Assembly of Ohio wish to designate April 2021 as Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention 2
Month; and 3

WHEREAS, Preventing child abuse and neglect is critical for the long-term well-being of 4
our state and nation, for harm inflicted upon those who are young and vulnerable has lasting 5
repercussions, not only for victims and their families but also for our society as a whole. We 6
must unite to help actualize a brighter future for successive generations by promoting the 7
effective development of our youth; and 8

WHEREAS, Statistics show that the number of children who are abused and neglected in 9
Ohio and across the country continues to rise. In order to prevent the increase of this crime in the 10
future, it is necessary for all concerned citizens to join in educating the general public, including 11
potential offenders, about the effects of this injustice and in developing a general consciousness 12
regarding its far-reaching devastation; and 13

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect is a community problem, and finding the key to 14
ending it depends on the cooperation and involvement of government leaders, family members, 15
educators, and faith-based and civic organizations. It is vital that we all join forces to prevent the 16
occurrence and reoccurrence of this preventable crime, for we must hold sacred the trust of 17
Ohio's most valuable resource, our children; therefore be it 18

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General 19
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, designate April 2021 as Ohio Child Abuse and 20
Neglect Prevention Month and urge all citizens to observe the month with appropriate programs 21
and activities; and be it further 22

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated 23
copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio. 24