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H. R. No. 107

Representatives White, Baker

A RESOLUTION

Designating Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month
April 2023.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1
General Assembly of Ohio wish to designate April 2023 as Ohio Child 2
Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month; and 3

WHEREAS, The incidents and prevalence of child abuse and neglect 4
have reached alarming proportions, and in an effort to address this 5
issue, Governor Mike DeWine designated April 2023 as Ohio Child Abuse 6
and Neglect Prevention Month. During the month of April each year, 7
various educational activities and events are coordinated in an effort 8
to seek and apply solutions to this escalating problem; and 9

WHEREAS, Childhood is a formative time, and communities, family 10
members, educators, public officials, and faith-based organizations 11
all play important roles in helping to ensure that our children are 12
safe and can grow surrounded by love and stability. Every Ohioan has a 13
responsibility to support children and promote stable families across 14
our state; and 15

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect prevention is one of the most 16
critical issues we can address for the long-term prosperity of our 17
country. Effective child development is hindered by toxic stress 18
resulting from abuse and neglect, yet we can strive for a more 19
promising future for this next generation of leaders by encouraging 20
parental resiliency, social connection, concrete support, and 21
knowledge of the social and emotional aspects of parenting. We hold 22
sacred the trust of Ohio's most valuable resource, our children, and 23
the future of our country depends on the opportunities we provide them 24
today; therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 26
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 27
designate April 2023 as Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month; 28
and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 30
duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the Ohio Children's 31
Trust Fund and the news media of Ohio. 32