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**H. R. No. 424**

**Representatives White, Baker**

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**A RESOLUTION**

Recognizing Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month  
April 2024.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th  
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April 2024 as Ohio  
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, The incidents and prevalence of child abuse and neglect  
have reached alarming proportions, and in an effort to address this  
issue, Governor Mike DeWine designated April 2024 as Ohio Child Abuse  
and Neglect Prevention Month. 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, Childhood is a formative time, and communities, family  
members, educators, public officials, and faith-based organizations  
all play important roles in helping to ensure that our children are  
safe and can grow surrounded by love and stability. Every Ohioan has a  
responsibility to support children and promote stable families across  
our state; and

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

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 26  
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 27  
recognize April 2024 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