

As Introduced

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S. R. No. 295

Senator Kunze

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month,
April 2024.

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

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

WHEREAS, Statistics show that the number of children who are
abused and neglected in 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 not only in educating the
general public, including potential offenders, about the effects of
this injustice but also 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 government leaders, family members, educators, and
faith-based and civic organizations. It is vital that we all join
forces to avoid the occurrence and reoccurrence of this preventable
crime, for we must hold sacred the trust of our children who represent
Ohio's most valuable resource; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize April 2024 as

Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month and urge all citizens to 26
observe this time with appropriate programs and activities; and be it 27
further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated 29
copies of this Resolution to the Ohio Children's Trust Fund and the 30
news media of Ohio. 31