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H. R. No. 353

Representatives White, A., Brownlee

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Ohio Child Abuse Prevention Month, April
2026.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April 2026 as Ohio
Child Abuse 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, members of the public, 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 House of Representatives of
the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution,

recognize April 2026 as Ohio Child Abuse Prevention Month and urge all 26
citizens to observe this time with appropriate programs and 27
activities; and be it further 28

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