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Representative White, A.

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Ohio Child Abuse Prevention Month.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 136th 1 General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April as Ohio Child 2 Abuse Prevention Month 2025; 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 2025 as Ohio Child Abuse 6 Prevention Month. During the month of April each year, various 7 educational activities and events are coordinated in an effort to seek 8 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 prevention is one of the most critical issues 16 we can address for the long-term prosperity of our country. Effective 17 child development is hindered by toxic stress resulting from abuse and 18 neglect, yet we can strive for a more promising future for this next 19 generation of leaders by encouraging parental resiliency, social 20 connection, concrete support, and knowledge of the social and 21 emotional aspects of parenting. We hold sacred the trust of Ohio's 22 most valuable resource, our children, and the future of our country 23 depends on the opportunities we provide them today; therefore be it 24

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 25 the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 26

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recognize April 2025 as Ohio Child Abuse Prevention Month; and be it further	27 28
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit	29
duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of	30
Ohio.	31