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**Representatives LaTourette, Boyd**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Kunze, Brenner, Sears, Boyce, Craig, Brown,  
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### A RESOLUTION

Recognizing April 2016 as Child Abuse and Neglect  
Prevention Month in Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to acknowledge Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio, April 2016; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to increase public knowledge and understanding of the issues surrounding the abuse and neglect of minors, the month of April was first designated by the U.S. Congress as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in 1983, with commemorative legislation passed each year since. Affecting youth of all races and socio-economic backgrounds, child abuse and neglect has long-lasting repercussions, not only for victims and their families but also for communities and society as a whole; 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 children are safe and can grow surrounded by love and stability. Every Ohioan has a responsibility to support children and promote safe and stable families across our state; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect prevention is the most critical issue we can address for the long-term prosperity of our country. Toxic stress from child abuse and neglect impedes healthy brain development, and effective child development equals effective economic development. Research has shown that when protective factors, including parental resiliency, social

connection, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete 25  
support, and social and emotional development, are present, the 26  
incidence of child abuse and neglect is reduced. We hold sacred 27  
the trust of Ohio's most valuable resource, our children, and the 28  
future of our country depends on the opportunities we provide them 29  
today; therefore be it 30

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 31  
Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 32  
this Resolution, recognize April 2016 as Child Abuse and Neglect 33  
Prevention Month in Ohio; and be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 35  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to The 36  
National Child Traumatic Stress Network and the news media of 37  
Ohio. 38