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Representatives LaTourette, Boyd

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing April 2018 as Child Abuse and Neglect
Prevention Month in Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
132nd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to acknowledge Child 2
Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio, April 2018; and 3

WHEREAS, In an effort to increase public knowledge and 4
understanding of the issues surrounding the abuse and neglect of 5
minors, the month of April was first designated by the U.S. 6
Congress as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in 7
1983, with commemorative legislation passed each year since. 8
Affecting youth of all races and socio-economic backgrounds, child 9
abuse and neglect has long-lasting repercussions, not only for 10
victims and their families but also for communities and society as 11
a whole; and 12

WHEREAS, Childhood is a formative time, and communities, 13
family members, educators, public officials, and faith-based 14
organizations all play important roles in helping to ensure that 15
our children are safe and can grow surrounded by love and 16
stability. Every Ohioan has a responsibility to support children 17
and promote safe and stable families across our state; and 18

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect prevention is the most 19
critical issue we can address for the long-term prosperity of our 20
country. Effective child development is hindered by toxic stress 21
resulting from child abuse and neglect, yet we can unite in 22
actualizing a more promising and bright future for this next 23
generation of leaders by promoting parental resiliency, social 24
connection, concrete support, and knowledge of the social and 25
emotional aspects of parenting and child development. We hold 26

sacred the trust of Ohio's most valuable resource, our children, 27
and the future of our country depends on the opportunities we 28
provide them today; therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 30
Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 31
this Resolution, recognize Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention 32
Month in Ohio, April 2018; and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 34
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 35
media of Ohio. 36