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H. R. No. 335

Representatives Carruthers, Boyd

A RESOLUTION

Designating Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month
April 2020.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio wish to designate April 2020 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 in educating the general public, including potential offenders, about the effects of this injustice and 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 prevent the occurrence and reoccurrence of this preventable crime, for we must hold sacred the trust of Ohio's most valuable resource, our children; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, designate April 2020 as Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month and urge all citizens to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities; therefore be it

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