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Representative LaTourette

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month,
April 2019.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
133rd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April 2019 2
as Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month; and 3

WHEREAS, The incidents and prevalence of child abuse and 4
neglect have reached alarming proportions, and as a measure to 5
address this issue, April was designated as Ohio Child Abuse and 6
Neglect Prevention Month by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. During the 7
month of April each year, various educational activities and 8
events are coordinated in an effort to seek and apply solutions to 9
this escalating problem; and 10

WHEREAS, Statistics show that the number of children who are 11
abused and neglected in the State of Ohio and across the country 12
continues to rise. In order to prevent the increase of this crime 13
in the future, it is necessary for all concerned citizens to join 14
in educating the general public, including potential offenders, 15
about the effects of this injustice and in developing a general 16
consciousness regarding its far-reaching devastation; and 17

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect is a community problem, and 18
finding the key to ending it depends on the cooperation and 19
involvement of public leaders, family members, educators, and 20
faith-based and civic organizations throughout the area. It is 21
vital that we all join forces to prevent the occurrence and 22
reoccurrence of this preventable crime, and Ohio Child Abuse and 23
Neglect Prevention Month is a fitting time to focus our attention 24
on this problem, not only throughout our state but also across our 25
nation; therefore be it 26

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 27
Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 28
this Resolution, acknowledge April 2019 as Ohio Child Abuse and 29
Neglect Prevention Month and urge all citizens to observe the 30
month with appropriate programs and activities; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 32
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 33
media of Ohio. 34