

# As Adopted by the Senate

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Senator Kunze

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## A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month,  
April 2020.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 133rd General  
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April 2020 as Ohio Child  
Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month; and

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

WHEREAS, Statistics show that the number of children who are  
abused and neglected in the State of 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 public leaders, family members, educators, and  
faith-based and civic organizations throughout the area. It is  
vital that we all join forces to prevent the occurrence and  
reoccurrence of this preventable crime, and Ohio Child Abuse and  
Neglect Prevention Month is a fitting time to focus our attention  
on this problem, not only throughout our state but also across our  
nation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd 27  
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, acknowledge 28  
April 2020 as Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month and 29  
urge all citizens to observe the month with appropriate programs 30  
and activities; and be it further 31

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