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Representative White

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month,
April 2022.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 134th 1
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April 2022 as Ohio 2
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month; and 3

WHEREAS, The incidents and prevalence of child abuse and neglect 4
continue to remain at alarming proportions, with more than 18,293 5
confirmed reports in Ohio during the previous year, and as a measure 6
to address this issue, April 2022 was designated as Ohio Child Abuse 7
and Neglect Prevention Month by Governor Mike DeWine. During the month 8
of April each year, various educational activities and events are 9
coordinated in an effort to seek and apply solutions to this 10
escalating problem; and 11

WHEREAS, Childhood is a formative time, and communities, family 12
members, educators, public officials, and faith-based organizations 13
all play important roles in helping to ensure that our children are 14
safe and can grow surrounded by love and stability. Every Ohioan has a 15
responsibility to support children and promote stable families across 16
our state; and 17

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect prevention is one of the most 18
critical issues we can address for the long-term prosperity of our 19
country. Effective child development is hindered by toxic stress 20
resulting from abuse and neglect, yet we can strive for a more 21
promising future for this next generation of leaders by encouraging 22
parental resiliency, social connection, concrete support, and 23
knowledge of the social and emotional aspects of parenting. We hold 24
sacred the trust of Ohio's most valuable resource, our children, and 25
the future of our country depends on the opportunities we provide them 26

today; therefore be it 27

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 28
the 134th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 29
acknowledge Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio, April 30
2022; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 32
duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio 33
and the Ohio Children's Trust Fund. 34