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Senator Kunze

A RESOLUTION

Designating Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month
April 2022.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly
of Ohio wish to designate April 2022 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 Senate of the 134th General
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, designate April 2022 as

Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month and urge all citizens to 26
observe the month with appropriate programs and activities; and be it 27
further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated 29
copies of this Resolution to the Ohio Children's Trust Fund and the 30
news media of Ohio. 31