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S. R. No. 45

Senator Kunze

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Ohio Child Abuse Prevention Month, April 2021.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April 2021 as Ohio Child Abuse 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 2021 was designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month by President Joe Biden. 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, Childhood is a formative time, and communities, family members, educators, public officials, and faith-based organizations all play important roles in helping to ensure that our children are safe and can grow surrounded by love and stability. Every Ohioan has a responsibility to support children and promote stable families across our state; and

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

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General

Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, acknowledge Child Abuse 27
Prevention Month in Ohio, April 2021; and be it further 28

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