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Representatives White, Baker



A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month
April 2024.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April 2024 as Ohio
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, The incidents and prevalence of child abuse and neglect
have reached alarming proportions, and in an effort to address this
issue, Governor Mike DeWine designated April 2024 as Ohio Child Abuse
and Neglect Prevention Month. 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 House of Representatives of 26
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 27
recognize April 2024 as Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month; 28
and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 30
duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the Ohio Children's 31
Trust Fund and the news media of Ohio. 32