

As Introduced

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Senators Bacon, Gentile

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in
Ohio, April 2016.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General 1
Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize April 2016 as Child 2
Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio; and 3

WHEREAS, The incidents and prevalence of child abuse and 4
neglect have reached alarming proportions, and as a measure to 5
address this issue, April was designated as National Child Abuse 6
and Neglect Prevention Month by the United States Congress in 7
1983. During the month of April each year, various educational 8
activities and events are coordinated in an effort to seek and 9
apply solutions to this escalating problem; and 10

WHEREAS, Statistics of children who are abused and neglected 11
in the State of Ohio and across the country continue to increase. 12
In order to prevent the increase of this crime in the future, it 13
is necessary for all concerned citizens to join in educating the 14
general public, including potential offenders, about the effects 15
of this injustice and in developing a general consciousness 16
regarding its far reaching devastation; and 17

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect prevention is a community 18
problem, and finding the key to ending it depends on the 19
cooperation and involvement of public leaders, family members, 20
educators, and faith-based and civic organizations throughout the 21
area. It is vital that we all join forces to prevent the 22
occurrence and reoccurrence of this preventable crime, and Child 23
Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio is a fitting time to 24
focus attention upon this problem, not only throughout our state 25
but also across our nation; therefore be it 26

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st 27
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize 28
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio, April 2016, 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 Ohio Children's 33
Trust Fund and to the news media of Ohio. 34