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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WARREN AND ROEBUCK, MARCH 14, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 14, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2018 as "Child Abuse Prevention  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Children bring happiness into our lives and hope to  
4 our futures; and

5 WHEREAS, Children are our greatest joy and our most important  
6 responsibility; and

7 WHEREAS, It is our responsibility as parents, friends,  
8 neighbors, citizens and lawmakers to nurture and protect  
9 children, providing an atmosphere of love and respect in which  
10 they are able to grow into healthy, well-adjusted and productive  
11 adults; and

12 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives, as a legislative body,  
13 has an ongoing commitment to protect the rights and needs of  
14 children; and

1       WHEREAS, Child abuse crosses all racial, economic and  
2 geographic boundaries; and

3       WHEREAS, Child abuse has reached epidemic proportions across  
4 this nation and throughout this Commonwealth; and

5       WHEREAS, In 2016, more than 44,350 cases of possible child  
6 abuse or maltreatment were referred for investigation in this  
7 Commonwealth; and

8       WHEREAS, There were 4,597 substantiated cases of child abuse  
9 and neglect in this Commonwealth in 2016; and

10       WHEREAS, In 2015, 1.6 out of every 1,000 Pennsylvania  
11 children were found to be victims of child abuse; and

12       WHEREAS, Thousands of Pennsylvanians in schools, social  
13 service agencies, churches and neighborhood groups throughout  
14 this Commonwealth are working hard to nurture and support the  
15 victims of child abuse and prevent future abuse; and

16       WHEREAS, In spite of the dedication and sacrifice of these  
17 individuals, much more needs to be done to guarantee a childhood  
18 free of abuse and victimization to every child in this  
19 Commonwealth; and

20       WHEREAS, As our knowledge about the prevention and treatment  
21 of child abuse grows, we must provide support, information and  
22 guidance to families in which signs of child abuse exist;  
23 therefore be it

24       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
25 month of April 2018 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in  
26 Pennsylvania; and be it further

27       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives continue to do  
28 its part in creating a nurturing and supportive environment for  
29 all children in this Commonwealth so that they have the  
30 opportunity to grow up to be healthy and productive citizens;

1 and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the many  
3 individuals and community groups and organizations who work  
4 daily to treat and prevent child abuse in this Commonwealth and  
5 urge all Pennsylvanians to do their part in preventing the  
6 tragedy of child abuse.