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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2010, AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION  
MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Giannini, Fellela, Trillo, Slater, and Lima

Date Introduced: April 06, 2010

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Designating the month April as “National Child Abuse Prevention Month”  
2 is an annual tradition initiated in 1979 by former President Jimmy Carter; and

3           WHEREAS, Child abuse is a national and local tragedy, with more than three million  
4 reports of abuse and neglect nationally and with nearly 3,000 children reported annually in Rhode  
5 Island as victims of abuse or neglect; and

6           WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse - Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Child Abuse  
7 Prevention Network, and the RI Family and Children’s Trust Fund are sponsoring several events  
8 throughout the month of April to heighten public awareness of abuse and neglect in communities  
9 around the state. The events will provide information and materials that support families to  
10 prevent child maltreatment and celebrate people who work with and support children and  
11 families; and

12           WHEREAS, A statewide “Pinwheels for Prevention” campaign has been launched  
13 through the media, public schools, libraries, social service agencies, and businesses during the  
14 month of April to celebrate the great potential of all children in Rhode Island and to bring  
15 awareness to the need for strengthening all families with support and nurturing; and

16           WHEREAS, The “Pinwheels for Prevention” campaign includes the statewide planting of  
17 “Pinwheels Gardens” to celebrate community partnerships for strengthening the family and  
18 protecting all children from abuse and neglect; and

19           WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of the

1 partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations,  
2 law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

3 WHEREAS, All Rhode Islanders have a role to play in building strong communities  
4 where individuals, families, and children are valued and supported; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
6 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims the month of April, 2010, to be “Child Abuse  
7 Prevention Month” and urges all applicable departments of the state as well as private agencies,  
8 religious organizations, medical facilities, businesses, and all programs serving children and  
9 families to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the  
10 communities in which we live; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That this House hereby encourages the citizens of Rhode Island to become  
12 more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and its prevention within our communities and  
13 to become involved in efforts to support parents in raising their children in a safe and nurturing  
14 environment; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to  
16 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Prevent Child Abuse – Rhode Island, the Rhode  
17 Island Child Abuse Prevention Network, and the RI Family and Children’s Trust Fund.

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