
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DECLARING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

1 WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect continue to pose a serious
2 threat to our nation's children; and

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4 WHEREAS, in 2005, an estimated 899,000 children were
5 determined to be victims of abuse or neglect and of that number,
6 1,460 children died of abuse or neglect; and

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8 WHEREAS, it is estimated that for every \$3 spent on
9 prevention of child abuse and neglect, at least \$6 are saved
10 that might otherwise have been spent on child welfare services,
11 special education services, medical care, foster care,
12 counseling, and the housing of juvenile offenders; and

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14 WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are community problems and
15 finding solutions depends on the involvement of people
16 throughout the community; and

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18 WHEREAS, the first organized statewide Blue Ribbon Campaign
19 was originated in Norfolk, Virginia, by the grandmother of Bubba
20 Dickinson, a child who was murdered by his mother's abusive
21 boyfriend; and

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23 WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse America has proclaimed April
24 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

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26 WHEREAS, blue ribbons are displayed to increase awareness
27 of child abuse and as a strategy for National Child Abuse
28 Prevention Month; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
32 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature hereby
33 declares April as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of Hawaii be encouraged to work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools during the month of April and throughout the year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii and the Director of Human Services.