
HOUSE 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 be spent on child welfare services, special education
11 services, medical care, foster care, counseling, and the housing
12 of juvenile offenders; and

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14 WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community problem 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, The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, in
24 all its forms, has proclaimed April as National Child Abuse
25 Prevention Month; and

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

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



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of Hawaii be
2 encouraged to work together to support youth-serving child abuse
3 prevention activities in their communities and schools during
4 that month and throughout the year; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Resolution be transmitted to Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii and the
8 Director of Human Services.
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