## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DECLARING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect continue to pose serious threats to our nation's children; and

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WHEREAS, in 2017, an estimated 674,000 children suffered and 1,720 died nationally from abuse and neglect; and

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WHEREAS, nearly four thousand cases of suspected child abuse are reported in Hawaii every year; and

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WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse America has declared April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

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WHEREAS, in April, Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii will lead the State's participation in the Blue Ribbon Project, a display of blue ribbons to increase public awareness and foster public conversation about child abuse and neglect; and

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WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are community problems, requiring community solutions; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature hereby declares April as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of Hawaii are encouraged to work together to support child abuse prevention activities and services during the month of April and throughout the year; and

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

OFFERED BY:

