HOUSE RESOLUTION

DECLARING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

| 1 2 | WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect continue to pose serious threats to our nation's children; and |
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| 3 4 5 | WHEREAS, in 2017, an estimated 674,000 children suffered and 1,720 died nationally from abuse and neglect; and |
| 6 7 8 | WHEREAS, nearly four thousand cases of suspected child abuse are reported in Hawaii every year; and |
| 9 10 | WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse America has declared April as |
| 11 12 13 | National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and WHEREAS, in April, Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii will lead the |
| 14 15 | State's participation in the Blue Ribbon Project, a display of blue ribbons to increase public awareness and foster public |
| 16 17 18 | conversation about child abuse and neglect; and WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are community problems, |
| 19 20 | requiring community solutions; now, therefore, |
| 21 22 | BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of |
| 23 24 25 | 2019, that the Legislature hereby declares April as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and |
| 26 27 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of Hawaii are encouraged to work together to support child abuse prevention |
| 28 29 | 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 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human Services, Director of Health, and Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii.

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