
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 13, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, MARCH 13, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2020 as "Child Abuse Prevention
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Children bring happiness into our lives and hope to
4 our futures; and

5 WHEREAS, Children are our greatest joy and our most important
6 responsibility; and

7 WHEREAS, It is our responsibility as parents, friends,
8 neighbors, citizens and lawmakers to nurture and protect
9 children, providing an atmosphere of love and respect in which
10 they are able to grow into healthy, well-adjusted and productive
11 adults; and

12 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives, as a legislative body,
13 has an ongoing commitment to protect the rights and needs of
14 children; and

1 WHEREAS, Child abuse crosses all racial, economic and
2 geographic boundaries; and

3 WHEREAS, Child abuse has reached epidemic proportions across
4 this nation and throughout this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2018, more than 44,000 cases of possible child
6 abuse were referred for investigation in this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 5,000 of those referrals were
8 substantiated; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2018, 1.9 out of every 1,000 Pennsylvania
10 children were found to be victims of child abuse; and

11 WHEREAS, Thousands of Pennsylvanians in schools, social
12 service agencies, churches and neighborhood groups throughout
13 this Commonwealth are working hard to nurture and support the
14 victims of child abuse and prevent future abuse; and

15 WHEREAS, In spite of the dedication and sacrifice of these
16 individuals, much more needs to be done to guarantee a childhood
17 free of abuse and victimization to every child in this
18 Commonwealth; and

19 WHEREAS, As our knowledge about the prevention and treatment
20 of child abuse grows, we must provide support, information and
21 guidance to families in which signs of child abuse exist;
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
24 month of April 2020 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in
25 Pennsylvania; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives continue to do
27 its part in creating a nurturing and supportive environment for
28 all children in this Commonwealth so that they have the
29 opportunity to grow up to be healthy and productive citizens;
30 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the many
2 individuals and community groups and organizations who work
3 daily to treat and prevent child abuse in this Commonwealth and
4 urge all Pennsylvanians to do their part in preventing the
5 tragedy of child abuse.