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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 173 Session of  
2017

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SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, SOLOMON, SONNEY, STAATS, TOEPEL, WARD  
AND WHEELAND, MARCH 21, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 21, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2017 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

1 children; and

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

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

6 WHEREAS, In 2015, more than 40,590 cases of possible child  
7 abuse or maltreatment were referred for investigation in this  
8 Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, There were 4,203 substantiated cases of child abuse  
10 and neglect in this Commonwealth in 2015; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2014, 1.2 out of every 1,000 Pennsylvania  
12 children were found to be victims of child abuse; and

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

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

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

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
26 month of April 2017 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in  
27 Pennsylvania; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives continue to do  
29 its part in creating a nurturing and supportive environment for  
30 all children in this Commonwealth so that they have the

1 opportunity to grow up to be healthy and productive citizens;  
2 and be it further

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