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RESOLUTION COSPONSORSHIP MEMO #3

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Jane C. Orie
Senator Bob Mensch

DATE: March 10, 2011

SUBJECT: Child Abuse Prevention Month (April)

Senator Mensch and I will soon be introducing a resolution recognizing April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

Abuse, itself, is to be deplored, but the associated problems are also to be deplored. By reducing abuse, we will also reduce school failure, criminality, drug and alcohol abuse and physical and psychological problems. By designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, we hope to raise awareness about abuse, to promote non-violent discipline and good communication between parents and children and to inform families about community resources. Moreover, ensuring that all Pennsylvanians are aware of child abuse can only serve to reduce the incidence of this tragic behavior and ensure the healthy development of the Commonwealth's most precious resources, our children.

For 2010, we introduced **SR 278** cosponsored by Senators Alloway, Argall, Baker, Boscola, Browne, Brubaker, Costa, Dinniman, Earll, Erickson, Farnese, Ferlo, Folmer, Fontana, Greenleaf, Kasunic, Kitchen, Leach, Logan, Musto, Pileggi, Rafferty, Robbins, Stack, Stout, Tartaglione, Tomlinson, Vogel, Ward, Washington, Waugh, D. White, and Yaw.

Please join us in cosponsoring this resolution by contacting Kacie Morrell at 787-6538 or by email at kmorrell@pasen.gov.

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