
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2016 as "Child Abuse Prevention
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each year, more than 1 million children in the
4 United States are documented victims of child abuse; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2014, there were 3,440 substantiated cases of
6 child abuse in this Commonwealth, with 38 children dying as a
7 result of abuse and neglect; and

8 WHEREAS, More than half of the perpetrators in 2013 had a
9 parental relationship with the child; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2014, 79% of substantiated reports were made by
11 mandated reporters; and

12 WHEREAS, Child abuse crosses all racial, economic and
13 geographic boundaries; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2010 through 2011, the Pennsylvania Coalition
15 Against Rape provided services to more than 7,786 child victims
16 of sexual violence; and

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance trained more

1 than 47,500 professionals and community members in 2010 through
2 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, The damaging effects of child abuse include, but are
4 not limited to, school failure, alcohol and drug abuse and
5 physical and psychological difficulties; and

6 WHEREAS, Child abuse can and must be prevented and awareness
7 raised so that families learn they have access to community
8 resources which offer support, information and guidance to help
9 stop or prevent abusive behaviors or conditions; and

10 WHEREAS, Many Pennsylvanians in schools, social service
11 agencies, churches and neighborhood groups throughout this
12 Commonwealth, including the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance
13 and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, are working to
14 support the victims of child abuse and prevent future abuse; and

15 WHEREAS, In spite of these efforts, more needs to be done to
16 guarantee a childhood free of abuse and victimization to every
17 child in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2016
19 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend those individuals and
22 community groups that work to treat and prevent child abuse and
23 urge all Pennsylvanians to do their part in preventing the
24 tragedy of child abuse.