

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Kentucky.

WHEREAS, National Child Abuse Prevention Month will be recognized throughout the United States, as well as in the Commonwealth of Kentucky during the month of April 2016; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, during periods of economic challenges, families feel more vulnerable, and as a result, child abuse and neglect increases drastically; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support needed to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is considered to be one of our nation's most serious public health problems, with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse and neglect of children and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological, and behavioral disorders; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among state and local government agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention

Month in Kentucky.

➔Section 2. The Senate encourages all citizens of the Commonwealth, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Julie Raque Adams.