

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in
2 Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, National Child Abuse Prevention Month will be recognized
4 throughout the United States, as well as in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, during the
5 month of April 2017; and

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

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

10 WHEREAS, during periods of economic challenges, families feel more vulnerable,
11 and thus, child abuse and neglect increases drastically; and

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky has been leading the state in child
24 abuse prevention efforts and is celebrating their 30th anniversary in 2017;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
27 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

1 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes April 2017 as Child
2 Abuse Prevention Month in Kentucky.

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

7 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
8 copy of this Resolution to Representative Addia Wuchner.