

HOUSE RESOLUTION 272

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate National Child Abuse
Prevention Month in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a societal problem that affects nearly every community within our State and nation; and

WHEREAS, sadly, the number of abused or neglected children continues to increase every year; child abuse and neglect includes physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and physical neglect, all of which may be the result of a multiplicity of such social problems as family dysfunction, mental health problems, substance abuse, inadequate parenting skills, teen pregnancy, homelessness, family violence, crime, and poverty; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize the intense problem of child abuse and the lasting effects it has on Tennessee's most precious resource - our children; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of community and state leadership to raise awareness of child abuse and neglect and to establish prevention and support mechanisms for children and parents in order to stop the cycle of abuse that destroys the lives of those affected; and

WHEREAS, the month of April has been designated National Child Abuse Prevention Month in an effort to raise awareness of child abuse and to encourage communities across the country to create partnerships among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community, and to become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby join with

concerned citizens across our great nation as we commemorate the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.