

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.58

Reps. Kahle and Filler offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Since 1983, April has been designated National Child
4 Abuse Prevention Month and has served to increase public awareness,
5 knowledge, and understanding of the issues surrounding the abuse
6 and neglect of children; and

7 Whereas, Crossing all racial, economic, and geographic
8 boundaries and including physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and
9 physical neglect, the repercussions are long-lasting, not only for
10 the victims and their families, but also for communities and
11 society as a whole; and

12 Whereas, Safe, stable, and nurturing relationships are
13 essential to prevent child maltreatment and to assure that children



1 reach their full potential; and

2 Whereas, Parents and other caregivers, when supported, can
3 safeguard the long-term growth and well-being of children, enabling
4 them to contribute meaningfully to their communities in adulthood;
5 and

6 Whereas, Child abuse and neglect prevention is a most critical
7 issue to be addressed for the long-term prosperity of our state and
8 country. Effective child development is hindered by the toxic
9 stress produced by child abuse and neglect; and

10 Whereas, The stress produced by child abuse and neglect is a
11 significant public health problem that imposes lasting and damaging
12 effects on children's psychological, physical, and social health
13 into adulthood, affecting community growth and development; and

14 Whereas, Child abuse prevention organizations encourage all
15 individuals and organizations to play a role in making Michigan a
16 better place for children and families by ensuring that parents
17 have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for
18 their children; and

19 Whereas, Promoting family resiliency, social support systems,
20 nurturing and attachment, and knowledge of parenting/child
21 development are all known protective factors which prevent child
22 mistreatment and help to strengthen families; and

23 Whereas, The Power of One, an initiative led by the Michigan
24 Children's Trust Fund that asserts that one community, one person,
25 one dollar or one action can help protect Michigan's children from
26 abuse and neglect; and

27 Whereas, Every individual has a role to play in the prevention
28 of child abuse and neglect; now, therefore, be it

29 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

1 this legislative body declare April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention
2 Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

3 Resolved, That the members of this legislative body encourage
4 all Michiganders to work to build safe communities, promote strong
5 families, and raise healthy children by supporting those who are
6 striving to end the tragic abuse and neglect of children and allow
7 them to realize their own potential.