

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 63

Reps. Johnsen, Alexander, Fox, Woolford, Rigas, Wilson, Meerman, Lightner, MacDonell, Outman, Rheingans, Rogers, Weiss and Young offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, April has been recognized as National Child Abuse
4 Prevention Month since 1983, serving as a vital time to increase
5 public awareness and deepen understanding of the serious issues
6 surrounding child abuse and neglect; and

7 Whereas, Every child deserves the opportunity to grow up in a
8 safe, stable, and nurturing environment free from abuse, neglect,
9 and harm; and

10 Whereas, Child abuse and neglect have a lasting impact on the
11 health, development, and well-being of children, often leading to
12 long-term consequences for individuals, families, and entire

1 communities; and

2 Whereas, In 2024, thousands of children across Michigan were
3 reported as victims of abuse or neglect, highlighting the urgent
4 and ongoing need for prevention, early intervention, and sustained
5 community support; and

6 Whereas, Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to raise
7 awareness, promote programs that strengthen families, and reaffirm
8 our shared commitment to protecting the most vulnerable members of
9 society—our children; and

10 Whereas, We honor the dedication of social workers, law
11 enforcement officers, educators, health care professionals, and
12 child advocates throughout Michigan who work tirelessly to prevent
13 abuse, support survivors, and help families heal; and

14 Whereas, Blue ribbons and pinwheel gardens, widely displayed
15 during April, serve as powerful symbols of hope and a collective
16 pledge to create a future where all children can thrive without
17 fear; now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved, That the members of this legislative body declare
19 April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the state of
20 Michigan; and be it further

21 Resolved, That we urge all Michiganders to stand in support of
22 children and families, to learn the signs of abuse and neglect, and
23 to take meaningful action—through mentorship, advocacy, or
24 volunteerism—to help end child abuse and build a safer future for
25 the next generation.