

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 63

Reps. Johnsen, Alexander, Fox, Woolford, Rigas, Wilson and Meerman 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
13 communities; and

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

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

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

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

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

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