



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-024

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL 2017 AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH".

WHEREAS, Children are key to the state's future success, prosperity, and quality of life; while children are our most precious resource, they are also our most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Children have a right to thrive, learn, and grow to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, The prevention of child abuse and neglect strengthens Colorado's families and communities and ensures the opportunity for children to develop in healthy, trusting families, schools, and neighborhoods, consequently building the foundation of society; and

WHEREAS, Everyone can play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect by getting involved to help a child; even those individuals who aren't raising a child or working with children every day--just one person

has the power to make an extraordinary difference in the lives of both children and families; and

WHEREAS, The state is currently implementing initiatives for improving the safety and well-being of children and families across Colorado; and

WHEREAS, All Coloradans must come together as partners to keep children safe, ensure that the voices of our children are heard by all, and extend a helping hand to children and families in need; and

WHEREAS, All Coloradans are called upon to provide safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments for our children, free of violence, abuse, and neglect, ensuring that Colorado's children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of our communities, state, and nation; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-first General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

- (1) Proclaim April 2017 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the state of Colorado;
- (2) Encourage every person to play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect; and
- (3) Call upon all citizens, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, and government agencies to increase their efforts to strengthen Colorado's families, thereby strengthening the communities of this state.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Governor John Hickenlooper; The Kempe Center; Illuminate Colorado; Prevent Child Abuse Colorado; the Colorado Department of Human Services; the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; CASA in Colorado; the Colorado Children's Campaign; Rocky Mountain

Children's Law Center; Colorado Nurse-Family Partnership; the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman; and the Children's Hospital Colorado.

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