

1 HJR173
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3 By Representative McCutcheon
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 17-MAR-16

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3 RECOGNIZING APRIL 2016 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION
4 MONTH.

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6 WHEREAS, with more than 33,637 allegations of
7 reported abuse and neglect in Alabama during 2015, the
8 employees of the Department of Human Resources, law
9 enforcement, prosecutors, medical professionals, mental health
10 professionals, and Children's Advocacy Centers have worked
11 diligently to respond to the needs of these children and
12 families; and

13 WHEREAS, child abuse leaves devastating and
14 everlasting emotional scars on the most innocent and trusting
15 of our citizens and dramatically impacts Alabama's health and
16 economy; and

17 WHEREAS, all children deserve freedom from sexual,
18 physical, verbal, and emotional abuse and neglect; and

19 WHEREAS, Alabama is home to the birth of the
20 Children's Advocacy Center model which coordinates the
21 multidisciplinary response to child abuse and now includes
22 more than 850 Children's Advocacy Centers throughout the
23 United States; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2015, the thirty-three members of the
25 Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers provided 6,991

1 forensic interviews, 976 medical exams, 15,498 therapy
2 sessions, and the Multidisciplinary Teams reviewed 12,810
3 cases; and

4 WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs
5 succeed because of partnerships created among social service
6 agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law
7 enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

8 WHEREAS, indeed, child abuse awareness and
9 prevention efforts provide ways in which countless individuals
10 can participate in helping victims become survivors of child
11 abuse so that they may lead healthy, productive lives; now
12 therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That it is with highest
15 commendation that we recognize April 2016 as Child Abuse
16 Prevention Month, and, by copy of this resolution for
17 appropriate display, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to
18 the dedicated multidisciplinary professionals for making the
19 State of Alabama a more secure and safer place for children.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was adopted by the House 22-MAR-16.

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