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3 By Representative McCutcheon  
4 RFD: Rules  
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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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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

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