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WHEREAS, Research shows that investing in healthy child development reduces the likelihood of a significant array of costly conditions, including chronic health problems, premature mortality, lowered educational achievement, lost productivity, mental illness, violent crime, substance abuse 7 and addiction, and the perpetuation of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect affects over one million children every year, including more than 100,000 children in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse America was founded in 1972 in Chicago and has worked for the last 45 years to promote the healthy development of children and prevent child abuse before it can occur; and

WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse America supports families, children, and communities through its 50-state Chapter Network and 600-site Healthy Families Network, which includes 37 sites in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse America advocates policies and programs that promote healthy child development and prevent child abuse and neglect from occurring in the first

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- 1 place; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Illinoisans recognize and appreciate the
- 3 contributions made by Prevent Child Abuse America to our
- 4 communities through its work of supporting our children and
- 5 building stronger families; therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
- 7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare April of
- 8 2018 as Prevent Child Abuse America Month in the State of
- 9 Illinois, and we acknowledge the vital role of Prevent Child
- 10 Abuse America in enhancing the lives of children across
- Illinois and across the country; and be it further
- 12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 13 presented to Prevent Child Abuse America as a symbol of our
- 14 respect and esteem.