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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Recent federal fiscal year data has revealed
3 approximately four million reports were made to child
4 protective services nationwide; and

5 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect are serious problems
6 affecting every segment of our community, and finding
7 solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

8 WHEREAS, Our children are our most valuable resources and
9 the future of our communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Child abuse can leave long-term psychological,
11 emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences
12 for victims of abuse; and

13 WHEREAS, Protective factors are conditions that reduce or
14 eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and
15 developmental well-being of children; and

16 WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention activities
17 succeed because of the partnerships created between child
18 welfare professionals, educators, health professionals,
19 community members, faith-based organizations, businesses, law
20 enforcement agencies, and families; and

1 WHEREAS, For 40 years, the La Rabida Children's Advocacy
2 Center in the south suburbs of Chicago has provided critical
3 care, advocacy, and support to children and families,
4 strengthening our communities and fostering safe, stable, and
5 nurturing environments; and

6 WHEREAS, Communities must make every effort to promote
7 programs and activities that create strong and thriving
8 children and families; and

9 WHEREAS, We must work together as a community to increase
10 awareness about child abuse and to contribute to promoting the
11 social and emotional well-being of children and families in
12 safe, stable, and nurturing environments; and

13 WHEREAS, Prevention remains the best defense for our
14 children and families; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we declare April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the
18 State of Illinois; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we urge all Illinoisans to recognize this
20 month by dedicating themselves to the task of improving the

1 quality of life for all children and families.