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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The month of April is National Child Abuse
3 Awareness Month, a month dedicated to raising community
4 awareness about child abuse and neglect prevention; and

5 WHEREAS, There is mounting evidence that validates the
6 connection between child abuse and neglect and animal abuse and
7 neglect; and

8 WHEREAS, Empirical research has revealed that animal abuse
9 in the home is an indicator of other forms of violence in the
10 home; the utilization of this indicator of domestic violence
11 facilitates law enforcement and prosecutor action; and

12 WHEREAS, Enforcement action against a perpetrator of
13 animal abuse and neglect has the effect of generating evidence
14 against the perpetrator of violence against children; and

15 WHEREAS, This cross-reporting initiative validates the
16 occurrence of both domestic violence and animal abuse in the
17 home; and

18 WHEREAS, Caring individuals and groups within our State are
19 launching an initiative to increase awareness of animal cruelty
20 in our communities so that the citizens of this State can

1 recognize and join the fight against such abuse; therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 designate the month of April as Child Abuse Awareness Month in
6 the State of Illinois; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we recognize the existence of a connection
8 between child abuse and animal abuse and urge the citizens of
9 the State of Illinois to join the fight against both forms of
10 abuse.