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SENATE RESOLUTION 19-008

101 **CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF THE MONTH OF APRIL AS "CHILD**
102 **ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH".**

1 WHEREAS, Children are key to the state's future success,
2 prosperity, and quality of life, but while children are our most precious
3 resource, they are also our most vulnerable; and

4 WHEREAS, Children have a right to thrive, learn, and grow to
5 their full potential; and

6 WHEREAS, The prevention of child abuse and neglect strengthens
7 Colorado's families and communities and ensures the opportunity for
8 children to develop in healthy, trusting families, schools, and
9 neighborhoods that build the foundation of society; and

10 WHEREAS, We all play a role in preventing child abuse and
11 neglect, and there are ways everyone can get involved to help a child,
12 even those individuals who aren't raising a child or working with children
13 every day; just one person has the power to make an extraordinary
14 difference in the lives of both children and families; and

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Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 WHEREAS, Community leaders, policymakers, and elected
2 officials play a unique role in building a safe and supportive Colorado for
3 kids by understanding the programs and policies that support child
4 maltreatment prevention, listening to the needs of the parents in our
5 communities, and examining community planning through this lens to
6 build healthy communities that strengthen families; and

7 WHEREAS, Colorado is currently implementing initiatives for
8 improving the safety and well-being of children and families across
9 Colorado; and

10 WHEREAS, We must come together as partners to keep children
11 safe, ensure that the voices of our children are heard by all, and extend a
12 helping hand to children and families in need; and

13 WHEREAS, The Colorado Senate calls upon all Coloradans to
14 provide safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments for our
15 children, free of violence, abuse, and neglect so that we can ensure that
16 Colorado's children will grow to their full potential as the next generation
17 of leaders and help to secure the future of our communities, state, and
18 nation; now, therefore,

19 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-second General*
20 *Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

21 (1) That we, the members of the Senate, proclaim April 2019 as
22 "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Colorado;

23 (2) That we encourage every person to play a role in preventing
24 child abuse and neglect; and

25 (3) That we call upon all citizens, community and faith-based
26 organizations, businesses, and government agencies of Colorado to
27 increase their efforts to strengthen Colorado's families, thereby
28 strengthening this community and the state of Colorado.

29 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to
30 Jade Woodard, Executive Director of Illuminate Colorado.