



SENATE RESOLUTION 19-008

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Community leaders, policymakers, and elected officials play a unique role in building a safe and supportive Colorado for kids by understanding the programs and policies that support child maltreatment prevention, listening to the needs of the parents in our communities, and

examining community planning through this lens to build healthy communities that strengthen families; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THE SENATE