

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, childhood is a formative time, and abuse and neglect have devastating long-term effects on young lives that transcend into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, 17,418 substantiated or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect were recorded in Ohio last year, the equivalent of one report approximately every 30 minutes; and

WHEREAS, parents, family members, educators, public officials and faith-based organizations share in the responsibility to protect our youth and to ensure that children are safe and can grow without fear of abuse and neglect to realize their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is committed to raising children in a secure and loving environment where they can thrive, develop character and learn to be responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, all Ohioans can play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect through simple acts, such as mentoring a child, providing a meal to a family in need or holding a crying baby; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund's #InTheNext30Minutes awareness campaign encourages Ohioans to reflect on what they can do #InTheNext30Minutes to prevent another child from being abused or neglected; and

WHEREAS, through strengthening families and communities, Ohioans are making positive differences in the lives of our children that will ultimately result in a brighter future for our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize April 2017 as

OHIO CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to help protect our children by creating safe, strong and healthy communities.

On this 1st day of April 2017;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor