

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

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Columbus

RESOLUTION

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

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

WHEREAS, Ohioans share the commitment to support our youth and to promote safe and stable families; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that when protective factors are present – including parental resiliency, social connection, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete support, and social and emotional development – the incidence of child abuse and neglect is reduced; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is committed to building a state in which all children can thrive, develop character, and learn to be responsible citizens in an environment of security and love; and

WHEREAS, by lessening the incidence of child abuse and neglect, Ohioans have an opportunity to make a positive difference in the life of a child and build a brighter future for our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate April, 2011 as

**OHIO CHILD ABUSE AND
NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH**

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

On this 1st day of April, 2011;



John R. Kasich
Governor

