STATE OF OHIO

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, children are Ohio's most precious and valuable asset; and

WHEREAS, each child has the right as a human being, to live and grow in a safe and supportive environment; and

WHEREAS, children who are loved and nurtured grow up to love and nurture others, giving back to their own family, their community and their state, the care that was bestowed upon them; and

WHEREAS, child abuse/neglect is a complex and on-going problem in Ohio, which affects too many children; and

WHEREAS, child abuse/ neglect is a community problem, and finding solutions depends on involvement of people throughout Ohio; and

WHEREAS, child abuse/ neglect prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among private and public sector agencies and the people of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Ohio's prevention campaign is "***YOU Are the KEY to Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect.***"

NOW THEREFORE, I BOB TAFT, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate

"CHILD ABUSE/ NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH"

APRIL 2004

throughout the State of Ohio, and urge all Ohioans to make a commitment to take action to prevent child abuse and neglect.

On this 1st day of April, 2004;

Bob Taft

Bob Taft
Governor