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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

RECOGNIZING APRIL 2023 AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, an estimated 600,000 children are abused and neglected in the United States annually; and

2 WHEREAS, in 2021, Child Protective Services (CPS) agencies received a national estimate of 3.987 million
3 referrals alleging the maltreatment of approximately 7.176 million children; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2021, a national estimate of 1,820 children died from abuse and neglect at a rate of 2.46 per
5 100,000 children in the population, an increase from 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, the youngest children are the most vulnerable to maltreatment, with 45.6 percent of child fatalities are
7 younger than 1 year old; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2022, Delaware received 23,924 hotline, 23,391 family and 533 institutional abuse reports; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2022, 34% of the 8,077 reports Delaware received met the criteria for an investigation or
10 assessment; and

11 WHEREAS, the prevention of child abuse is a matter of concern to citizens, state agencies, and community
12 organizations in Delaware; and

13 WHEREAS, collaborative partnerships among various groups can help make child abuse prevention programs
14 successful; and

15 WHEREAS, all citizens of the State should encourage parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing
16 environment and support programs that prevent child abuse; and

17 WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, most schools transitioned to virtual classrooms making it difficult
18 for the largest group of child abuse and neglect reporters, education personnel, to observe suspected maltreatment and
19 submit maltreatment allegations.

20 NOW, THEREFORE:

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
22 Representatives concurring therein, that the month of April 2023 is designated as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the
23 State of Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution recognizes April 2023 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the State of Delaware.

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