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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 01-1024**

101     **CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION**  
102     **MONTH.**

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1            WHEREAS, Children are the key to this state's future success and  
2     prosperity; and

3            WHEREAS, All children have a right to a happy and healthy  
4     childhood, to have the opportunity to grow up in a loving, nurturing  
5     environment, and to be safe and secure in their homes, schools, and  
6     communities; and

7            WHEREAS, Child abuse is a serious problem which has  
8     far-reaching effects on individual children and on society as a whole,  
9     robbing children of the chance for a normal, happy childhood and  
10    undermining the foundation of communities by destroying family  
11    relationships; and

12           WHEREAS, Approximately 3 million children are reported to be  
13    abused and neglected in this country each year, including 5,000 children  
14    in the state of Colorado last year alone; and

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*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
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HOUSE  
Final Reading  
April 3, 2001

1           WHEREAS, Each one of these young, innocent victims of abuse  
2 will carry the scars of such trauma for life; and

3           WHEREAS, Child abuse is a serious community issue and  
4 preventing child abuse depends upon the involvement and cooperation of  
5 all people and organizations within the state of Colorado; and

6           WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed  
7 when partnerships are created between and among government and social  
8 service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law  
9 enforcement agencies, health care providers, the media, the business  
10 community, and especially parents themselves; and

11           WHEREAS, All citizens must work to prevent child abuse within  
12 their community by becoming aware of the problem of child abuse and  
13 its negative impacts, by working to protect children, and by giving parents  
14 the support they need to raise their children in a safe, nurturing  
15 environment; now, therefore,

16           *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third*  
17 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring*  
18 *herein:*

19           (1) That the month of April, 2001, be proclaimed Child Abuse  
20 Prevention Month in the state of Colorado.

21           (2) That each individual has a responsibility to perform some  
22 positive act each day on behalf of children.

23           (3) That the General Assembly calls upon all citizens, community  
24 and religious organizations, businesses, and government agencies to  
25 create alliances and increase their efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby  
26 strengthening the communities of this state.