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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2014, TO BE "CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT  
PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Cimini, Diaz, Ajello, Hearn, and E Coderre

Date Introduced: April 10, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect are community-wide conditions and problems, and  
2 finding solutions depends on the involvement of people in the community; and

3           WHEREAS, Approximately three million children are reported abused and neglected in  
4 this country each year, with more than 13,000 of these cases reported here in Rhode Island; and

5           WHEREAS, The effects of child abuse and neglect are felt by whole communities and  
6 need to be addressed by the entire community; and

7           WHEREAS, Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island, the Family Care Community  
8 Partnerships and the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) are sponsoring several  
9 events throughout the month to heighten public awareness of abuse and neglect in communities  
10 around the state. Each of these events will provide information and materials that support families  
11 to prevent child maltreatment and celebrate people who work with and support children and  
12 families; and

13           WHEREAS, The statewide "Pinwheels for Prevention®" campaign has been going on for  
14 four years with the help of media, child care providers, public schools, libraries, social service  
15 agencies, and businesses during the month of April to celebrate and bring awareness of the great  
16 potential of all children in Rhode Island and the need to strengthen all families with support and  
17 nurturing; and

18           WHEREAS, The "Pinwheels for Prevention®" campaign includes the statewide planting  
19 of "Pinwheel Gardens" in order to celebrate community partnerships for strengthening the family

1 and protecting all children from abuse and neglect; and

2 WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships  
3 created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law  
4 enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

5 WHEREAS, Child protection is a community effort and all the citizens of the state  
6 should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and its prevention within the  
7 community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in safe, nurturing  
8 environments; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
10 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims the month of April, 2014, to be "Child Abuse and  
11 Neglect Prevention Month" in the State of Rhode Island and calls upon all citizens, community  
12 agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation  
13 in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live; and  
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Cheryl Patnaude, President of Prevent Child  
17 Abuse Rhode Island.

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