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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing April 2017 as "Child Abuse
3 Prevention Month" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, all children in Florida deserve to grow up in an
6 environment that is free from abuse and neglect, and

7 WHEREAS, Florida's future depends on the health and well-
8 being of over 4 million children in our state, and

9 WHEREAS, during the 2015-2016 fiscal year, over 42,000
10 children were verified victims of child abuse and neglect, and

11 WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can have devastating
12 consequences for a child's physical, emotional, and behavioral
13 development, leading to long-term challenges for the child and
14 great costs to society, and

15 WHEREAS, communities throughout Florida can support the
16 physical, social, emotional, educational, and spiritual
17 development of children, and

18 WHEREAS, elected officials, state agencies and providers,
19 schools, faith and community organizations, law enforcement
20 agencies, and the business community can work together to
21 implement effective child abuse prevention efforts, and

22 WHEREAS, this April, Prevent Child Abuse Florida, in
23 collaboration with the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child
24 Protection, the Department of Children and Families, and the
25 Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, will implement Pinwheels

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26 | for Prevention, a statewide campaign to raise awareness of
27 | healthy child development and positive parenting practices to
28 | enable all children to achieve their full potential, NOW,
29 | THEREFORE,

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31 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
32 | Florida:

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34 | That April 2017 is designated as "Child Abuse Prevention
35 | Month" in Florida, and all Floridians are encouraged to identify
36 | opportunities and initiate action to make a positive difference
37 | in the lives of children.