

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, nationally, 51 percent of child abuse or neglect victims are girls and 49 percent are boys; and

WHEREAS, the direct cost of child abuse and neglect in the United States totals more than \$33 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, crimes against children include, but are not limited to, homicide, child abuse, bullying, teen dating violence and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, the youngest children, from birth to three years of age, have the highest rate of abuse and neglect and accounted for the largest percentage of child victims at 34 percent; and

WHEREAS, during their lifetime, 56.7 percent of children experienced some form of physical assault, 51.1 percent were victims of emotional or physical bullying or teasing, and 9.8 percent were victims of assault with a weapon; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that increase the health and well-being of children and families; and

WHEREAS, the six important protective factors are nurturing and attachment, knowledge of parenting and child development, parental resilience, social connections, concrete supports for parents, and social and emotional competence of children; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that these six protective factors are linked to a lower incidence of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, trusted adults, parents, teachers, counselors and others who work with teens can create open, safe havens for our youth as they seek help and guidance in life's struggles, which may include teen dating violence and other unhealthy relationships; and

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month provides our state the opportunity to address the issues of safety, health and the overall well-being of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize April 2013 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to take part in its observance.

On this 1st day of April, 2013;


John R. Kasich
Governor

