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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
10 PREVENTION MONTH.
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12 **Subtitle**

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14 NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH.
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17 WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every
18 segment of Arkansas communities, and finding solutions requires action from
19 everyone in our communities; and
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21 WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resource and will shape the
22 future of our state; and
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24 WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and
25 physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims of abuse;
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28 WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate
29 risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of
30 children; and
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32 WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of
33 the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare,
34 education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, and
35 law enforcement agencies; and
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1 WHEREAS, prevention of child abuse and maltreatment remains Arkansas's
2 goal for our children and families; and

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4 WHEREAS, communities are encouraged to promote programs and activities
5 that benefit children and their families; and

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7 WHEREAS, it is important to work together to increase awareness about
8 child abuse and support the social and emotional well-being of children and
9 families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

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11 WHEREAS, child advocacy centers were formed to provide a safe, child-
12 friendly environment where a comprehensive and coordinated approach is taken
13 to allegations of child abuse; and

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15 WHEREAS, the specially trained individuals who staff child advocacy
16 centers assist and advocate for the child throughout the entire process; and

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18 WHEREAS, during the process, the child advocacy center staff works as
19 part of a multi-disciplinary team that includes the Crimes Against Children
20 Division of the Division of Arkansas State Police, the Division of Children
21 and Family Services of the Department of Human Services, local law
22 enforcement agencies, prosecutors, mental health professionals, and other
23 state and local agencies,

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25 NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
27 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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29 THAT the Senate recognize April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
30 Month, and encourage citizens, community agencies, faith-based organizations,
31 medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in
32 supporting families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening
33 Arkansas communities.