

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 47

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10 A House Resolution proclaiming April 2005 as Child
11 Abuse Prevention Month.

12 WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community
13 problem that depends on active involvement by people
14 throughout the community for its prevention; and

15 WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect occurs when people
16 encounter stressful situations without adequate
17 community resources and cannot cope with the
18 situations; and

19 WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse and neglect
20 occurrences stem from situations and conditions that
21 can be prevented with an engaged and supportive
22 community; and

23 WHEREAS, the incidence of child abuse and neglect
24 can be reduced by making sure families have the
25 necessary support for raising children in a healthy
26 environment; and

27 WHEREAS, in addition to the direct harm caused by
28 child abuse and neglect, the children harmed are more
29 likely to later become involved in criminal behavior
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1 and substance abuse, to have health problems such as
2 heart disease and obesity, and to engage in risky
3 behavior such as smoking; and

4 WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved in
5 supporting families in raising children in a safe,
6 nurturing, and healthy environment; and

7 WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs
8 succeed based on the partnerships created among
9 community agencies, medical facilities, schools, faith
10 groups, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies,
11 and businesses; NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
13 That the House of Representatives proclaims April to
14 be Child Abuse Prevention Month for 2005 and calls
15 upon all Iowa citizens, community agencies, medical
16 facilities, schools, faith groups, civic
17 organizations, law enforcement agencies, and
18 businesses to increase their efforts in supporting
19 families in order to prevent child abuse and neglect
20 and to strengthen our state's communities.

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