

Reps. Price, Barnett, Brown, Darany, Denby, Durhal, Geiss, Haines, Heise, Hooker, Howrylak, Kesto, Kowall, Lamonte, LaVoy, MacMaster, O'Brien, Poleski, Potvin, Roberts, Singh and Slavens offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 74.

A resolution to declare April 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Since 1983, April has been designated National Child Abuse Prevention Month and has served to increase public awareness of the need to ensure the safety and welfare of children; and

Whereas, Crossing all racial, economic and geographic boundaries, and including physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and physical neglect, the repercussions are long-lasting, not only for the victims and their families, but also for communities and society as a whole; and

Whereas, Nationally, in 2011, an estimated 676,569 children were victims of maltreatment at an expense of at least \$124 billion annually, costing the average American family \$1,400 each year; and

Whereas, In Michigan during 2012, there were 91,159 confirmed investigations, an increase of 7,532 over the previous year, with a parent as the perpetrator in approximately 86 percent of the cases; and

Whereas, A focus on promoting the Protective Factors, including building parent resiliency, providing social supports, and educating about child development will help build and strengthen positive relationships between parents/caregivers and the children in their care; and

Whereas, *The Power of One*, an initiative led by the Michigan Children's Trust Fund that asserts that one community, one person, one dollar, or one action can help protect Michigan's children from abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, We recognize that no one person can do everything, but that everyone can do something, and together we can create change for the better; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of this legislative body encourage all Michiganders to work to build safe communities, promote strong families, and raise healthy children by supporting those who are striving to end the tragic abuse and neglect of children and allow them to realize their full potential.