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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-024**

101      **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL 2017 AS "CHILD ABUSE**  
102            **PREVENTION MONTH".**

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1            WHEREAS, Children are key to the state's future success,  
2      prosperity, and quality of life; while children are our most precious  
3      resource, they are also our most vulnerable; and

4            WHEREAS, Children have a right to thrive, learn, and grow to  
5      their full potential; and

6            WHEREAS, The prevention of child abuse and neglect strengthens  
7      Colorado's families and communities and ensures the opportunity for  
8      children to develop in healthy, trusting families, schools, and  
9      neighborhoods, consequently building the foundation of society; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1           WHEREAS, Everyone can play a role in preventing child abuse  
2 and neglect by getting involved to help a child; even those individuals  
3 who aren't raising a child or working with children every day--just one  
4 person has the power to make an extraordinary difference in the lives of  
5 both children and families; and  
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7           WHEREAS, The state is currently implementing initiatives for  
8 improving the safety and well-being of children and families across  
9 Colorado; and

10           WHEREAS, All Coloradans must come together as partners to  
11 keep children safe, ensure that the voices of our children are heard by all,  
12 and extend a helping hand to children and families in need; and

13           WHEREAS, All Coloradans are called upon to provide safe,  
14 stable, and nurturing relationships and environments for our children, free  
15 of violence, abuse, and neglect, ensuring that Colorado's children will  
16 grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to  
17 secure the future of our communities, state, and nation; now, therefore,

18           *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-first General Assembly*  
19 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

20           That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

21           (1) Proclaim April 2017 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in  
22 the state of Colorado;

23           (2) Encourage every person to play a role in preventing child  
24 abuse and neglect; and

25           (3) Call upon all citizens, community and faith-based  
26 organizations, businesses, and government agencies to increase their  
27 efforts to strengthen Colorado's families, thereby strengthening the  
28 communities of this state.

29           *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
30 to Governor John Hickenlooper; The Kempe Center; Illuminate Colorado;  
31 Prevent Child Abuse Colorado; the Colorado Department of Human  
32 Services; the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment;  
33 CASA in Colorado; the Colorado Children's Campaign; Rocky Mountain

1 Children's Law Center; Colorado Nurse-Family Partnership; the Office  
2 of the Child Protection Ombudsman; and the Children's Hospital  
3 Colorado.