

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 572**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas encourages citizens across this state to recognize April of 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

**WHEREAS**, As a society, all adult Americans must protect and respect the rights of our most vulnerable citizens; children are not only our most precious resource but also our collective hope, and they are a reminder of our universal humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, Child abuse, neglect, and abandonment unfortunately continue to occur in our society; Child Abuse Prevention Month promotes awareness and action regarding this painful but growing problem; many advocates for children wear blue ribbons during this time in memory of those who have died from child abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, In fiscal year 2012, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services received reports of nearly 276,000 alleged victims of child abuse and confirmed over 64,000 cases; tragically, 212 children died last year as a result of abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, Most cases of child abuse result from neglect or indifference or a refusal to act on the part of an adult who is aware of the abuse; and while no single entity can prevent child abuse or solve the complex chain of social, familial, and behavioral circumstances that lead to abuse, communities must work unceasingly to stop the cycle of abuse in our society; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighbors, teachers, and others who are in a position to sound the alarm must step up their efforts and intervene; communities must also identify abusers and steer them to programs that address their abusive patterns; many programs and agencies provide such services on local and statewide levels, and the time to act is now; we in Texas and around the nation must protect our most vulnerable and precious citizens--our children; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby proclaim April of 2013 Child Abuse Prevention Month and extend sincere best wishes to all the Texas agencies and partnerships that are working to reverse this painful and ongoing societal problem; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 2, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate