

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 545**

**WHEREAS,** The observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April 2017 serves as a reminder of our shared responsibility for protecting and nurturing those most vulnerable among us; and

**WHEREAS,** National Child Abuse Prevention Month was established in April 1983, and in the years since, government agencies and advocacy groups have dedicated this month to promoting initiatives that help target and stop abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** According to the Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, 185 young Texans suffer from maltreatment each day; taking many forms, including neglect and physical, sexual, or emotional abuse, these tragic occurrences too often cut short the lives of their victims or produce scars, both visible and unseen, that can last a lifetime; and

**WHEREAS,** To help combat this injustice in our communities, organizations at the local, state, and national levels have sponsored programs that provide educational resources, assist families, and foster healthy parenting practices; and

**WHEREAS,** Public awareness is one of the most important tools in the fight to end child abuse and neglect; in observing National Child Abuse Prevention Month, citizens of the Lone Star State are taking a vital step toward ensuring that future generations of Texans receive every opportunity to realize their fullest potential; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby recognize April 2017 as Child Abuse

Prevention Month and call on all citizens to work together to protect the welfare of children throughout the state and beyond.

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Patrick, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 3, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate