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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Child abuse is a community problem; finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community, including the courts; and

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WHEREAS, Statistics of children who are abused and neglected escalate each year; and

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WHEREAS, The effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and must be addressed by the entire community; and

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WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among the courts, social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement, and the business community; and

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WHEREAS, Parents Care + Share, a prevention program of Children's Home + Aid, offers positive parenting alternatives to help break the cycle of abuse; the organization is sponsoring a Blue Bow Campaign to heighten awareness of the need to support families; and

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WHEREAS, All citizens should become more aware of child abuse within the community, become more involved in its prevention, and support parents to help them raise their

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1 children in a safe, nurturing environment; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 designate April of 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the
5 State of Illinois and call upon the citizens of this State to
6 increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse,
7 thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.