

By Senator Kurth

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1 Senate Resolution No. ____
2 A resolution recognizing April 2000 as Child
3 Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month.
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5 WHEREAS, 75,803 children in Florida were identified as
6 having been abused or neglected during Fiscal Year 1998-1999,
7 and
8 WHEREAS, 82 children died as the result of a verified
9 finding of abuse or neglect and an additional 39 deaths showed
10 some indication of abuse or neglect, and
11 WHEREAS, child abuse and child neglect cause
12 significant trauma to the abused or neglected child and
13 society, inflicting upon the child serious illness and injury
14 resulting in physical, intellectual, and emotional impairment,
15 or death, and
16 WHEREAS, abused or neglected children are at much
17 greater risk of becoming abusive or neglectful parents, and
18 WHEREAS, prevention services can reduce the costs
19 society must bear in dealing with the consequences of child
20 abuse and child neglect and can help children and families
21 avoid the overburdened and expensive social welfare and
22 criminal systems, and
23 WHEREAS, the year 2000 marks the seventeenth
24 anniversary of services in this state to prevent child abuse
25 and neglect, and
26 WHEREAS, children deserve the opportunity to grow and
27 thrive in healthful environments, free from threats of
28 violence and harm, and
29 WHEREAS, during the month of April, public-sector and
30 private-sector agencies, child-care professionals, child
31 advocates, and residents will work to increase the public's

1 awareness of the need to prevent child abuse and neglect, NOW,
2 THEREFORE,

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4 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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6 That the Florida Senate recognizes April 2000 as Child
7 Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Florida.

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