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Joint Resolution

June 15, 1982
[S.J. Res. 149]

To designate the week of June 6, 1982, through June 12, 1982, as "National Child Abuse Prevention Week".

Whereas the incidence and prevalence of child abuse and neglect have reached alarming proportions in the United States;

Whereas an estimated two million children become victims of child abuse in this Nation each year;

Whereas an estimated five thousand of these children die as a result of such abuse each year;

Whereas the Nation faces a continuing need to support innovative programs to prevent child abuse and assist parents and family members in which child abuse occurs;

Whereas Congress has expressed its commitment to seeking and applying solutions to this problem by enacting the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1974;

42 USC 5101 note.

Whereas many dedicated individuals and private organizations, including the National Exchange Club Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Parents Anonymous, the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse, American Humane Association, and other members of the National Child Abuse Coalition, are working to counter the ravages of abuse and neglect and to help child abusers break their destructive pattern of behavior;

Whereas the average cost for a public welfare agency to serve a family through a child abuse program is twenty times greater than self-help programs administered by private organizations;

Whereas organizations, such as the National Exchange Club Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Parents Anonymous and other members of the National Child Abuse Coalition are expediting efforts to prevent child abuse in the next generation through special programs for abused children; and

Whereas it is appropriate to focus the Nation's attention upon the problem of child abuse: Now, therefore, be it

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National Child Abuse Prevention Week.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, **That the week of June 6, 1982, through June 12, 1982, is designated as "National Child Abuse Prevention Week" and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon all government agencies and the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.**

Approved June 15, 1982.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 149:

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