

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 6, 2006

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 97

Introduced by Senator Battin

February 21, 2006

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 97—Relative to Child Abuse Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 97, as amended, Battin. Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This measure would acknowledge the month of April 2006 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and encourage the people of the State of California to work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect continue to pose a
2 serious threat to our nation's children; and
3 WHEREAS, In 1996, more than 3,000,000 children were
4 reported to child protective agencies in the United States as
5 having suffered abuse and neglect; and
6 WHEREAS, It is estimated that for every three dollars spent
7 on the prevention of child abuse and neglect, at least six dollars
8 are saved that might be spent on child welfare services, special
9 education services, medical care, foster care, counseling, and the
10 housing of juvenile offenders; and
11 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect is a community problem
12 and finding solutions depends on the involvement of people
13 throughout the community; and
14 WHEREAS, The first organized statewide Blue Ribbon
15 Campaign was originated in Norfolk, Virginia, by the

1 grandmother of Bubba Dickinson, a child who was murdered by
2 his mother's abusive boyfriend; and

3 WHEREAS, In recent years, the National Committee to
4 Prevent Child Abuse, the California chapter and other local
5 affiliates, United States military bases, and other groups have
6 organized Blue Ribbon Campaigns to increase public awareness
7 of child abuse and to promote ways to prevent child abuse; and

8 WHEREAS, The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse,
9 in all its forms, has proclaimed April as National Child Abuse
10 Prevention Month; and

11 WHEREAS, Blue ribbons are displayed to increase awareness
12 of child abuse and as a strategy for Child Abuse Prevention
13 Month; and

14 WHEREAS, This year's campaign is entitled——— "*Safe*
15 *Children and Healthy Families are a Shared Responsibility*";
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The flexibility of this program offers numerous
18 opportunities to be innovative and to create partnerships within
19 business, professional, and community organizations; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature does hereby
23 acknowledge the month of April 2006 as Child Abuse Prevention
24 Month, and encourage the people of the State of California to
25 work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention
26 activities in their communities and schools during that month and
27 throughout the year; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
29 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.