

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 134

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 12

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 134—Relative to Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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ACR 134, Adams. Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This measure would acknowledge the month of April 2010 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.

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect continue to pose a serious threat to our nation's children; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, approximately 5,800,000 children were reported to child protective agencies in the United States as having suffered abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect is a community problem and finding solutions depends on the involvement of people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, The first organized statewide Blue Ribbon Campaign was originated in Norfolk, Virginia, by the grandmother of Bubba Dickinson, a child who was murdered by his mother's abusive boyfriend; and

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

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

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

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

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature does hereby acknowledge the month of April 2010 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 during that month and throughout the year; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.