

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 30

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblywomen HECK and MURPHY

- 1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** designating April 1995 as "Child Abuse
2 Prevention Month."
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, The month of April 1995 is being observed by public officials and
5 citizens across the United States as National Child Abuse Prevention
6 Month, and the week of April 2-8 is being recognized as "National Blue
7 Ribbon Week" to kick off National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and
8 **WHEREAS**, The incidence of child abuse continues to increase in this State and
9 in the nation, and is a serious concern because it affects not only children
10 but their families and community as well; and
11 **WHEREAS**, There were approximately 50,000 cases of suspected child abuse
12 reported in New Jersey in 1992, with almost 20,000 substantiated;
13 however, many more cases go undetected, and
14 **WHEREAS**, Although State government has increased its support of programs
15 to identify and treat child abuse, there remains a tremendous need for
16 community based programs which focus on the prevention of child abuse;
17 and
18 **WHEREAS**, Research has demonstrated that child abuse is not limited to any
19 particular economic or social group, and greater community awareness and
20 broad-based support of child abuse prevention programs will help ensure
21 their success; now, therefore,
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- 23 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:
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- 25 1. The month of April 1995 shall be designated "Child Abuse Prevention
26 Month" in New Jersey.
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 - 28 2. The Governor is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the
29 public officials and the citizens of New Jersey to observe the month with
30 appropriate activities and programs.

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STATEMENT

This resolution designates April 1995 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in New Jersey, and requests the Governor to issue a proclamation calling upon the public officials and the citizens of New Jersey to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs.

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