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To declare the month of April 2012 National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Columbus, Ohio.

WHEREAS, child abuse is a national tragedy affecting more than three million children annually and causing the deaths of three children every day. Abuse affects thousands of children and families in Columbus and central Ohio each year; and

WHEREAS, during National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we renew our commitment to break the cycle of violence and strengthen support for all who have been affected; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by ensuring that every family has the support and resources to raise their children in a healthy and safe environment. Every child deserves to grow up in a nurturing environment that is free of harm and fear; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is dedicated to improving the safety and well-being of children in our community and to supporting the organizations that provide essential services and support networks to families and children in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Children Services, social service agencies throughout Columbus, our police, and the City prosecutors and advocates in the Domestic Violence and Stalking Unit are to be commended for their continued efforts to prevent, identify, and remediate cases of child abuse in our community; and

WHEREAS, observing National Child Abuse Prevention Month serves to raise awareness of the devastating problem of child abuse and encourages people to learn more about the behavioral and physical signs of possible abuse during and beyond the month of April; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby declare the month of April 2012 National Child Abuse Prevention Month and encourage all

citizens to take steps to recognize and prevent child abuse.