

Reps. Sak, Accavitti, Ball, Bieda, Brown, Byrnes, Caul, Condino, Constan, Cushingberry, Dean, Gonzales, Green, Hammon, Hildenbrand, Hopgood, Huizenga, Rick Jones, Robert Jones, Lahti, Kathleen Law, LeBlanc, Leland, Meisner, Palmer, Pastor, Polidori, Proos, Rocca, Schuitmaker, Shaffer, Sheltroun, Spade, Stahl, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Valentine, Wojno, Brandenburg, Melton, Bauer and Hammel offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 316.

A resolution recognizing April 8, 2008 as Child Abuse Awareness Day in the state of Michigan

Whereas, The members of the Michigan House of Representatives are dedicated to providing a safe and healthy environment to all children in Michigan; and

Whereas, The citizens of Michigan recognize that child abuse and neglect is a serious and growing problem affecting millions of our nation's children; and

Whereas, Research shows child maltreatment is associated with problems throughout adolescence and into adulthood, including increased risk of teen pregnancy, drug use, lower educational attainment, and the perpetuation of abusive behavior; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan, through its support of prevention and community activities, is making significant progress in preventing child abuse and neglect throughout our communities; and

Whereas, Community collaboration is necessary in order to provide services to families at risk for child abuse and neglect, and to ensure a safe and secure future for the children of our communities; and

Whereas, We are committed to providing all children the safest and healthiest of environments in the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize April 8, 2008 as Child Abuse Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.