

Date of Hearing: May 20, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 134 (Grove) – As Introduced April 8, 2024

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: Child Abuse Prevention Month.

SUMMARY: Acknowledges the month of April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and encourages Californians to work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Preventing child abuse and neglect means strengthening families so that their children can thrive. Child abuse and neglect continue to pose serious threats to our nation's children.
- 2) In 2022, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, 50,869 children in California were found to be victims of child abuse or neglect, and 164 children in California died as a result of child abuse or neglect.
- 3) Children who have been abused or neglected have a higher risk of developing various health problems as adults, including alcoholism, depression, drug abuse, eating disorders, obesity, suicide, and certain chronic diseases.
- 4) Statewide, child abuse and neglect cases disproportionately involve children of color.
- 5) Family resource centers continue to play a key role in preventing child abuse and neglect in their communities by being community-based, family-focused, and culturally sensitive collaborative organizations that provide programs and services based on the needs of families.
- 6) Pinwheels are displayed to increase the awareness of child abuse and to focus on the positive message of preventing child abuse and neglect by supporting families and strengthening communities during Child Abuse Prevention Month.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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