

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
1995-8650**

By Senators Franklin, Drew, Rasmussen, Sheldon, Kohl, Hochstatter, McCaslin, Hargrove, Newhouse, Schow, Spanel, Prince, Swecker, Strannigan, Johnson, Fraser, Roach, Hale, Quigley, Long, McAuliffe, Fairley, Smith, Wojahn, Bauer, Snyder, Prentice, Sutherland, Oke, Morton, West, Wood, Deccio, Gaspard, Loveland, Haugen, Heavey, Palmer, Pelz, Owen and Cantu

WHEREAS, April is "Child Abuse Prevention Month," a time for all citizens to recognize the problem of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Each week in Washington, more than 1,300 cases of suspected child abuse and neglect are reported to the state's Child Protective Services; and

WHEREAS, Most cases of child abuse and neglect go unreported, and the victims are left to fend for themselves; and

WHEREAS, Aberrant behavior among adults is most frequently the result of the abuse and neglect they suffered as children; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse is cyclic in nature, so that those who were abused as children are more likely to become child abusers themselves; and

WHEREAS, Recent murders and other violence against children in our state are examples of child abuse in the extreme;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate does hereby urge all citizens to educate themselves about the signs of child abuse and neglect and not hesitate to get involved by reporting suspected cases to Child Protective Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Washingtonians recognize that all of our children, regardless of race, ethnic background, religion, or sex are equally deserving of protection from violence or other mistreatment; that they deserve lives free from the fear of abuse or neglect. Let us therefore commit ourselves to the protection of our children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Washington State Children's Alliance.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1995-8650,  
adopted by the Senate April 19, 1995.

MARTY BROWN  
Secretary of the Senate