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Rep. Snyder Recognizes April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month

Wisconsin Senate and Assembly Adopt Resolutions Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

Madison – On Tuesday, Rep. Pat Snyder (R-Schofield) showed his support for Wisconsin youth and families by voting in favor of Senate Joint Resolution 19 to designate April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Wisconsin. Following passage of the bill, Rep. Snyder made the following statement:

“Joint Resolution 19 is important for Wisconsin and its youth, because it raises awareness about the impact of child abuse and neglect. The Resolution brings individuals and communities together to talk about the importance of safe and nurturing environments for children and the detrimental effects of abuse and neglect on healthy development. The Resolution promotes a solid foundation in children, so they are able to reach their full potential, free from health issues related to toxic stress.”

The Resolution was announced by a bipartisan group of legislators that are members of Wisconsin’s Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board. The Joint Resolution has over 60 bipartisan co-sponsors from both Houses of the Legislature. The Resolution comes at a time when the rate of child abuse and neglect is substantially higher due to the drug crisis facing Wisconsin.

“This is a critically important Resolution, especially under present circumstances,” Rep. Snyder added. “The number of children in out-of-home care has skyrocketed in recent years, and they are staying in the system for longer periods of time. It is crucial that we draw attention to this issue, because we all need to work together to tackle it.”

The Joint Resolution calls for “all citizens, government and community agencies, religious and civic institutions, health care organizations, and businesses to make a difference in the lives of Wisconsin children by working together to strengthen families and the communities in which they live.”

The Assembly held a voice vote on the bill, with all members voting in favor of adopting the Joint Resolution. The Senate also held a voice vote on the Resolution on Tuesday, passing the Resolution, which is therefore enrolled. April is also nationally recognized as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention month.

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