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WHEREAS, over four thousand children are affected by child abuse in Nebraska each year; and

WHEREAS, the physical and mental health effects of child abuse can last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, certain risk factors for child abuse have been identified and can be mitigated by risk reduction and proactive protection; and

WHEREAS, individuals who have the support of their communities are more able to provide safe environments for their children; and

WHEREAS, the best time to stop child abuse is before it starts; and

WHEREAS, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, which occurs each year in April, has been a time for raising awareness about the prevention of child abuse since 1983.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE

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HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes April 2010 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Nebraska and encourages communities to participate in activities designed to increase public awareness about the importance of preventing child abuse.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Department of Health and Human Services.