

Resolution

City of Willowick

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL

AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF WILLOWICK

WHEREAS, all children of our community have the right to live and grow in a safe, secure and supportive environment, enter school prepared to succeed, be able to choose healthy behaviors and grow to successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, we the leaders of this community acknowledge that those rights are not always available to all children and although there has been significant progress to increase the safety and security of our children, we renew our commitment to protecting our most valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, during 2021, Lake County Children Services responded to over 1,900 calls regarding children and their families and as a result, Children Services worked with approximately 1,000 children who presented with a variety of issues which could not be easily resolved; and

WHEREAS, over 100 foster families, adoptive families, relatives and other alternative caregivers provided a safe environment for children who were unable to be in their family home; and

WHEREAS, statistics show that a great majority of children who have died from child maltreatment in the State of Ohio were under the age of five years old, thus never having the chance to attend kindergarten; and statistics further show that survivors of the child abuse and neglect are at a greater risk for problems later in life that affect not just the child and family but our society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the best prevention of child abuse can only be done if we, both as a society and as individuals, take responsibility to offer parents and families the support and tools they need to provide healthy nurturing homes for their children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council of the City of Willowick on behalf of its citizenry hereby declare April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Willowick and urges the citizens of our community to join with us to become involved in activities this month and all through the year to raise awareness of child abuse and to focus our attention on providing safe environments for children and fostering confident, positive parents.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby requested to provide copies of this Special Resolution to the Department of Job and Family Services.

PASSED: _____
President of Council

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council Mayor