

# 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 2020, 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**, children could not be safely maintained in their homes, resulting in over 200 children being cared for by over 100 foster families, adoptive families, relatives and other alternative caregivers; 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