

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-R-04

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 2019 AS  
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

**WHEREAS,** all the 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 of the 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,** throughout 2018, Lake County Children Services responded to 2,365 calls regarding children and their families and as a result, Children Services worked with approximately 1,000 children who had a variety of problems which could not be easily resolved.

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

**WHEREAS,** statistics show that a great majority of children who died from child abuse in the state of Ohio were under the age of five years old, never having the chance to attend kindergarten, and survivors of child abuse and neglect are at a greater risk for problems later in life – such as low academic achievement, drug use, teen pregnancy and criminal behavior – 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 MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE, COUNTY OF LAKE, AND STATE OF OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Mayor along with City Council of Mentor-on-the-Lake would like to raise the awareness of child abuse and to focus attention on providing safe environments for children and fostering confident, positive parents.

**SECTION 2.** That all formal actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting, and that all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees, which resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22, of the Ohio Revised Code.

**WHEREFORE,** this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

ADOPTED: March 26, 2019

Desiree Thompson  
DESIREA A. THOMPSON  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Joyce M. Sipe  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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