

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R- 09**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2023 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE, OHIO**

**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 2022, Lake County Children Services responded to nearly 1,700 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 remain in their family home, and

**WHEREAS**, statistics show that a great majority of children who have died from child abuse 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 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,

**THEREFORE**, we shall declare April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio and urge the citizens of our community to join with us to become involved in activities this month and throughout the year to raise the awareness of child abuse and to focus our attention on providing safe environments for children and fostering confident, positive parents.

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

**ADOPTED:** March 28, 2023



ROBERT JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

**ATTEST:** Joyce M. Ayo  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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