

# THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



## RESOLUTION

March 28, 2013

### RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2013 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, all children of our community have the right to live and grow in a safe, secure and supportive environment; to enter school prepared to succeed; to choose healthy behaviors; and to grow to adulthood. We, as leaders of this community, acknowledge that those rights are not always preserved for 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 and vulnerable resource; and

WHEREAS, during 2012, Lake County Children Services received 2,584 calls regarding children and their families. As a result, on any given day, Children Services worked with over 500 families who had a variety of problems which could not be resolved with a "quick fix." Throughout 2012, foster families, relatives and other alternative caregivers provided a safe environment for over 100 children who were unable to be in their family home; and

WHEREAS, 86% of the children who died from child abuse in the State of Ohio were under the age of five years, 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

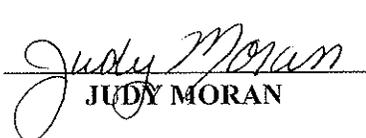
WHEREAS, the best efforts toward the prevention of child abuse can only be accomplished if we, both as a society and as individuals, take responsibility to offer parents and families the support and tools they need to provide healthy, nurturing homes for their children.

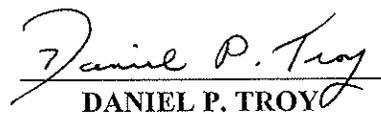
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby proclaims

#### **April 2013 Child Abuse Prevention Month in Lake County**

and urges the citizens of our community to join us in activities this month and all through the year to raise the awareness that child abuse persists, to focus our attention on providing safe environments for children and to foster confident, positive parenting.

  
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