

# THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



## RESOLUTION

March 29, 2018

### RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2018 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, Lake County Children Services Division responded to 2,516 calls concerning children and their families in 2017. As a result, on any given day, Children Services worked with over 1,000 children who had a variety of problems which could not be easily resolved. Throughout the last year, over 100 foster families, adoptive families, relatives and other alternative caregivers provided a safe environment for children who were unable to live 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, 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, such as low academic achievement, drug use, teen pregnancy and criminal behavior, which affect not only the child and their family, but our society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the best prevention of child abuse can only be achieved 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 2018 as 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 awareness of child abuse and to focus our attention on providing safe environments for children and to foster confident, positive parents.

  
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