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CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
RESOLUTION NO. 4-2025

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ORCUTT AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 2025 TO BE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Brook Park is committed to protecting our most vulnerable and ensuring children grow up safe, healthy, educated, and prepared to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect contribute to adverse childhood experiences that can have profound lifelong negative impact on lives; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse is 100% preventable and the cost of treating the impacts of child abuse is significantly higher than the cost of preventing it; and,

WHEREAS, consistent, early, and effective prevention strategies have been proven to save lives, protect resources, and strengthen and preserve Cuyahoga County's families by ending cycles of abuse and neglect; and,

WHEREAS, children raised in safe, stable, and nurturing environments are more likely to enjoy good physical and mental health, succeed academically and socially, and achieve economic prosperity; and,

WHEREAS, educating adults about how to use positive coping skills, seek options, and be flexible enables them to be stronger, more resilient individuals throughout their lives and create more stable environments and brighter futures for children; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect prevention is a community responsibility, and on behalf of Cuyahoga County's children, we join with Canopy Child Advocacy Center; and,

WHEREAS, we assert that during April and throughout the year, we all come together against child abuse and neglect by supporting prevention programs, so every child feels safe and

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nurtured by making sure each family has the support and education they need; and,

WHEREAS, we live by the wisdom of Frederick Douglass, that it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults. Now more than ever, we must all do our part to help build strong children and give them access to safe, healthy futures;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the members of the City of Brook Park Council and Mayor, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Brook Park, Ohio.

SECTION 1: That the Council of the City of Brook Park and Mayor urge our residents to support efforts to end child abuse, and to declare the month of April "Child Abuse Prevention" month.

SECTION 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of said City and to declare the month of April to be "Child Abuse Prevention" month; therefore provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

March 18, 2025

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Carol Johnson
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:

Elizabeth ...
MAYOR

3-20-25

DATE

I HEREBY APPROVE THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CORRECTNESS.

[Signature]
DIRECTOR OF LAW

CERTIFICATE

Carol Johnson, Clerk of Council, of the City of Brook Park, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance (Resolution)

No. 4-2025
passed on the 18 day of March
20 25 by said council.

Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

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