

**RESOLUTION 011401**

**Proclaiming the month of April as Celebration of Children Month in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.**

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WHEREAS, violence in our society is an unfortunate and preventable affliction; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are recognized as one of our most pressing social problems, affecting many of Cuyahoga County's children each year; and

WHEREAS, children who are the victims of violence are always victims through no fault of their own; and

WHEREAS, child abuse has been correlated with drug and alcohol abuse, teen suicide and chronic truancy; and

WHEREAS, the response to child abuse and neglect must be community-wide; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services is the agency under the purview of the Board of County Commissioners which is responsible for the investigation of reports of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2000, the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services received 14,836 reports of child abuse and neglect, 3,442 which were substantiated.

WHEREAS, the month of April has been designated as "National Child Abuse Prevention Month" by the National Center of Child Abuse and Neglect (NCAC).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio that said Board hereby proclaims the month of April as Celebration of Children Month in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month in Cuyahoga County, specifically to bring attention to the problems of child abuse and neglect and to encourage agencies and organizations that serve children to recognize the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Bette Meyer, Deputy County Administrator/Health & Human Services; one copy to William Denihan, Director, Department of Children & Family Services and one copy to Brenda W. Frazier, Deputy Director, Administrative Services.

On Motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner McCormack, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Campbell, McCormack, Dimora.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Marjorie J. Pettus,  
Clerk of the Board

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