

RESOLUTION

**Proclaiming the month of April 2003 as Celebration of Children
Month in Cuyahoga County in recognition of National Child Abuse
Prevention Month.**

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are recognized as some of our most pressing social problems, affecting many of Cuyahoga County's children each year. Child abuse has been correlated with drug and alcohol abuse, teen suicide and chronic truancy.

WHEREAS, children who are the victims of violence are always victims through no fault of their own. The response to child abuse and neglect must be community-wide.

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County's 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.

WHEREAS, in 2002, Cuyahoga County's Department of Children and Family Services received 14,995 referrals, 2,981 of which were accepted for ongoing family services.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, proclaims the month of April 2003 as Celebration of Children Month in Cuyahoga County in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, 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 James McCafferty, Director, Department of Children & Family Services.

**On Motion of Commissioner Dimora, seconded by Commissioner Jones,
the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

Ayes: Dimora, Jones.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Penelope M. Hughes,
Clerk of the Board pro tem**

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