

**RESOLUTION 051462**

**Commissioners proclaim the month of April 2005 as Celebration of Children Month in Cuyahoga County.**

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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 Department of Children and Family Services received 14,834 referrals, 1362 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, proclaim the month of April 2005 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, Hagan.

Nays: None.

Penelope M. Hughes,  
Clerk of the Board

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