

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2025

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2025
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE VILLAGE OF PERRY**

WHEREAS, all children of our community have the right to live and grow in a safe, secure and supportive environment; enter school prepared to succeed; be able to choose healthy behaviors; and grow to successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, we the leaders of this community acknowledge that those rights are not always available to 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 resource; and

WHEREAS, during 2024, Lake County Children Services responded to over 1,500 calls regarding children and their families and as a result, Children Services worked with approximately 1,000 children who presented with a variety of issues which could not be easily resolved; and

WHEREAS, over 100 foster families, adoptive families, relatives, and other alternative caregivers provided a safe environment for children who were unable to be in their family home; and

WHEREAS, statistics show that a great majority of children who have died from maltreatment in the State of Ohio were under the age of five years old, thus 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 that affect not just the child and family but our society as a whole, and

WHEREAS, with every community member making a commitment to make Perry Village a safer place for our children and generations to come, the children of our Village will feel valued and have a greater chance to grow to be contributing members of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY, COUNTY OF LAKE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That April, 2025, is hereby designated as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH throughout Perry Village and urge the citizens of our community to join with us to become involved in activities this month and all through the year to raise the awareness of child abuse and to focus our attention on providing safe environments for children and fostering confident, positive parents.

Section 2. That all formal actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting, and all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees, which 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.

Wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.


JEAN SCHONAUER, ACTING MAYOR

ADOPTED: March 27, 2025

ATTEST: 
JOHN H. ROSKOS, FISCAL OFFICER