

Resolution No. 477-2023

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
Declaring April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention
Month in Cleveland.

By Council Member Griffin

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland 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 the City'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, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility and, on behalf of the City's children, this Council joins with Canopy Child Advocacy Center this month of April and throughout the year to support prevention programs, so every child feels safe and nurtured by making sure each family has the support and education they need; and

WHEREAS, blue and silver pinwheels displayed during April and throughout the year symbolize the health and happiness all children deserve; and

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

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council declares April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Cleveland.

Section 2. That the Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to the Canopy Child Advocacy Center

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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