

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2016

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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, Madison Village acknowledges that those rights are not always available to all of the 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, Lake County Children Services responded to 2,338 calls in 2015 concerning children and their families and as a result, on any given day, Children Services worked with over 500 families who had a variety of problems which could not be resolved with a "quick fix." Throughout 2015, foster families, relatives and other alternative caregivers provided a safe environment for over 100 children who were unable to be in their family home; and

WHEREAS, 87% of the children who died from child abuse in the state of Ohio were under the age of five years old, never having the chance to attend kindergarten, and survivors of child abuse and neglect are at a greater risk for problems later in life – such as low academic achievement, drug use, teen pregnancy and criminal behavior – that affect not just the child and family but also our society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the best prevention of child abuse can only be done if we, both as a society and as individuals, take responsibility to offer parents and families the support and tools they need to provide healthy nurturing homes for their children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF MADISON, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

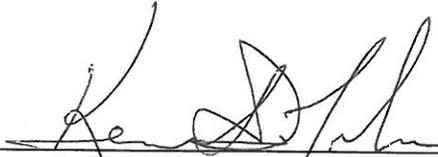
SECTION 1. Madison Village, on behalf of all its citizens, recognize this month, April 2016, as Child Abuse Prevention Month and urge our citizens to join with us to become involved in activities this month and all through the year to raise the awareness of child abuse and to focus our attention on providing safe environments for children and fostering confident, positive parents.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect at the earliest time provided by law.

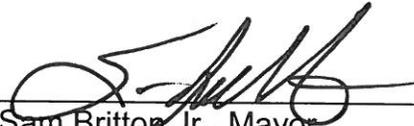
PASSED:

March 7, 2016



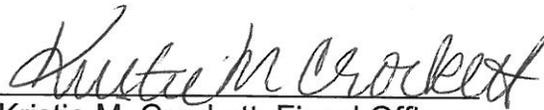
Kenneth D. Takacs, President of Council

Approved:



Sam Britton Jr., Mayor

Attested:



Kristie M. Crockett, Fiscal Officer