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CITY OF BROOK PARK OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2026

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ORCUTT

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH
OF APRIL 2026 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, The City of Brook Park 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 Cuyahoga County'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, child abuse and neglect prevention is a community responsibility, and on behalf of Cuyahoga County's children, we join with Canopy Child Advocacy Center; and,

WHEREAS, we assert that during April and throughout the year, we all come together against child abuse and neglect by supporting prevention programs, so every child feels safe and nurtured by

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making sure each family has the support and education they need;
and,

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

WHEREAS, Canopy Child Advocacy Center is dedicated to safeguarding the well-being of all children and ensuring they have the opportunity to grow in environments that are safe, supportive, and conducive to reaching their fullest potential; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are linked to damaging childhood experiences that can result in long-term physical, emotional, and developmental challenges; and,

WHEREAS, child maltreatment is preventable, and investing in prevention efforts is far more effective and less costly than addressing the lasting consequences of abuse; and,

WHEREAS, proactive, evidence-based prevention initiatives play a vital role in protecting children, strengthening families, and breaking generational cycles of abuse and neglect throughout Cuyahoga County; and,

WHEREAS, children who are raised in stable, nurturing environments are more likely to experience positive health outcomes, achieve academic success, and thrive socially and economically; and,

WHEREAS, empowering caregivers and community members with knowledge, resources, and healthy coping strategies helps build resilience and fosters safer, more supportive environments for children; and,

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect requires a collective commitment, and in support of Cuyahoga County's children, we stand alongside Canopy Child Advocacy Center in this shared mission; and,

WHEREAS, during April and throughout the year, we reaffirm our responsibility to protect children by promoting prevention programs and ensuring families have access to the support and the education necessary to nurture and protect their children; and,

WHEREAS, inspired by the words of Maya Angelou, "Children's talent to endure stems from their ignorance of alternatives." Our children deserve better, let us give them alternatives to a system that has failed them, let us continue to support those who support our children most.

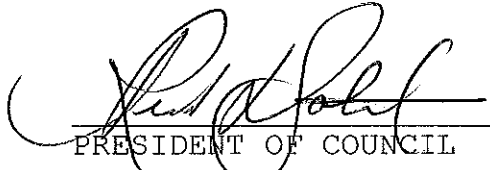
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Administration and Council, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Brook Park.

SECTION 1: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that 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.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of said City, and to accept the recommendations and approve; therefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least (5) members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

April 21, 2026


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:


CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:


MAYOR

4/22/2026
DATE

I HEREBY APPROVE THE WITHIN
INSTRUMENT AS TO LEGAL FORM
AND CORRECTNESS.


DIRECTOR OF LAW

CERTIFICATE

Carol Johnson, Clerk of Council, of the City of Brook Park, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance / Resolution

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passed on the 21 day of April

20 24 by said council.

Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

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