

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-2026**

**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**, 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 2025, Lake County Children Services responded to 1,500 calls regarding children and their families and as a result, Children Services worked with approximately 1,000 children who presented 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 child 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**, 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 AND STATE OF OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** Madison Village, on behalf of all of its citizens, recognize this month, April 2026 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

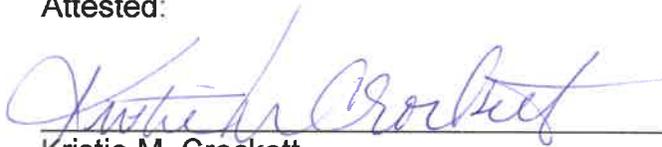
raise awareness of child abuse and to focus our attention on providing safe environments for children and fostering confident, positive parents.

SECTION 2. That 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 of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including § 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED: March 23, 2026

  
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Mark V. Vest,  
President of Council

Attested:

  
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Kristie M. Crockett,  
Fiscal Officer / Clerk of Council

Approved:

  
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Sam Britton, Jr.,  
Mayor

Date 3/23/2026