

RESOLUTION NO. R14-07

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014 AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 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 resources; and

WHEREAS, Lake County Children Services responded to 2,383 calls regarding children and their families. 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 2013, foster families, relatives and other alternative caregivers provided a safe environment for nearly 100 children who were unable to be in their family home; and

WHEREAS, 86% of the children who died from child abuse in the State of Ohio were under the age of five (5) 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 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 NORTH PERRY, COUNTY OF LAKE AND STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village of North Perry recognizes the month of April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" and urges the citizens of the community to join with the Village to become involved in activities this month and all year through to raise the awareness of child abuse and to focus attention on providing safe environments for children and foster 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.

Section 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be and is passed as an emergency Resolution, the emergency being to recognize the month of April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in a timely manner. Said Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of North Perry.

WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council.

MAYOR

ADOPTED: April 3, 2014

ATTEST: _____
FINANCE DIRECTOR

Motion to waive readings by Siegel second by Cutler. Vote for waiver 6-0 "aye".
Motion by Callahan second by Shreve to adopt.

Council members Callahan, Cutler, L. Klco, Reichard, Shreve and Siegel voted in favor of the resolution.