

NANCY E. FELLOWS  
President of Council

JOHN PLECNIK  
Vice President of Council

VICTORIA ANN SAVAGE, CMC  
Clerk of Council

# City of Willoughby Hills

DAVID M. FIEBIG  
CHRISTOPHER HALLUM  
LAURA LENZ  
JANET R. MAJKA  
LAURA PIZMOHT

## RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4

### A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS.

**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 2017, Lake County Children Services responded to 2,516 calls regarding children and their families and as a result, Children Services worked with approximately 1,000 children who presented with 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 CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** Council hereby declares April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Willoughby Hills and urge the citizens of our community 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.** The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were conducted in lawful meetings of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

PASSED: March 8, 2018

Nancy E. Fellows  
Nancy E. Fellows  
President of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval  
on this 8 day of March, 2018

Approved by the Mayor  
March 8, 2018

ATTEST:  
Victoria Ann Savage  
Victoria Ann Savage, CMC  
Clerk of Council

Robert M. Weger  
Robert M. Weger  
Mayor