

**Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month 2017**  
**A Resolution from the [Insert Entity Name]**

WHEREAS, childhood is a formative time and abuse and neglect have devastating long-term effects on young lives that transcend into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, 17,418 substantiated or indicated reports of child abuse and/or neglect were recorded in Ohio equating to a substantiated or indicated report roughly every 30 minutes; and

WHEREAS, parents, family members, educators, public officials and faith-based organizations share in the responsibility to protect our youth and to ensure that children are safe and can grow without fear of abuse and neglect to realize their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is committed to raising children in a secure and loving environment where they can thrive, develop character, and learn to be responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, all Ohioans can play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect through simple acts, such as mentoring a child, providing a meal to a family in need, or holding a crying baby; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund's #InTheNext30Minutes awareness campaign encourages Ohioans to reflect upon what they can do #InTheNext30Minutes to prevent another child from being abused and neglected; and

WHEREAS, through strengthening families and communities, Ohioans are making positive differences in the lives of our children that will ultimately result in a brighter future for our state; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the [Insert Entity Name], in adopting this Resolution, recognize April 2017 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Ohio and urge all citizens to observe the month reflecting upon what each can do #InTheNext30Minutes to prevent another child from being abused and/or neglected; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the [Insert Entity Name] transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of [Insert county or city name].