

**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2026 AS  
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH  
IN MAYFIELD VILLAGE**

WHEREAS, Mayfield Village is committed to protecting our most vulnerable and ensuring children grow up safely, healthy, educated and prepared to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect contribute to adverse childhood experiences that have profound lifelong negative impact on lives; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is preventable and the cost of treating the lasting impact of child abuse is significantly higher than the cost of preventing child abuse; 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 creates 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 the Canopy Child Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, we are pleased to join in the effort to bring awareness to child abuse and neglect by reminding our community of this ongoing societal problem through the planting of a pinwheel garden and by supporting prevention programs so that someday every child will feel safe and nurtured by making sure each family has the support and education they need; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the wisdom of Frederick Douglass, that it is easier to build strong children than it is 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO, THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The Council of Mayfield Village hereby proclaims April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Mayfield Village and encourages residents to be aware of these ongoing issues and support child abuse and neglect prevention programs.

**SECTION 2.** The Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution have been taken at open meetings of this Council; and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of health, safety and welfare of the residents of Mayfield Village, Ohio, for the reason and with the hope that it will bring awareness to the issues of child abuse and neglect during the month of April and throughout the year. It shall, therefore, take effect immediately upon the passage by the affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members elected to Council and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise at the earliest time allowed by law.

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STEPHEN SCHUTT  
Council President

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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BRENDA T. BODNAR, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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DIANE A. CALTA, ESQ., Director of Law

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
MARY E. BETSA, MMC, Clerk of Council