## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-9**

## INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

## A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS Child Abuse Prevention Month was created in 1983 to recognize the importance of families and communities; working together to prevent child abuse and neglect and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children; and

WHEREAS every child has the right to grow and mature in a safe, secure, and supportive environment which is free from violence, victimization, and neglect; and,

WHEREAS child abuse and neglect can come in many forms including verbal, emotional, physical, sexual and exploitation that affects the health of the child, as well as their well-being as adults; and,

WHEREAS the long-term effects of childhood trauma can result in medical, mental, and psychosocial conditions that can shorten a person's lifespan and impact an entire community by way of violence and crime; and,

WHEREAS data shows that an average of 700,000 children are abused annually in the United States leading to a lifetime of economic costs for child maltreatment ranging from \$124 to \$585 billion according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and,

WHEREAS Oakwood Village recognizes the impact of bringing awareness to this issue and asks all residents to be a hero to a child-if you see something, say something.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio that:

**SECTION 1.** That Oakwood Village Council hereby recognizes April as Child Abuse Awareness Month.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: March 29. 2023

Johnnie A. Warren, President of Council

Debra Hladky, Interim Clerk of Council

	Presented to the Mayor
	Approved: March 31.2023  Otto Challe  Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk
	Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of that the foregoing Resolution No. 2023- was duly at the meeting held on the 29 day of Debra Hladky, Interim Clerk of Council
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Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify day of Much and will remain po provided by the Oakwood Village Charter.	Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of that Resolution No. 2023- was duly posted on the sted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter as Debra Hladky, Interim Clerk of Council
DATED: March 3/,2023	