

(Mayor Potter)

CITY OF KIRTLAND

RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-R-19

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025**

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 2024, Lake County Children Services responded to over 1,500 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; the 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,

Therefore, we shall declare April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Kirtland and urge the citizens of our community to join 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.

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Third Reading: _____

DATE PASSED: _____

President of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for his
Approval on this _____ day of
_____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Approved by the Mayor, this
_____ day of _____,
2025.

Clerk of Council

Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation 2025

Mayor Kevin F. Potter