



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners PROCLAMATION CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, child abuse is defined as a parent or caregiver, whether through action or failing to act, causes injury, death, emotional harm or risk of serious harm to a child; and,

WHEREAS, there are many forms of child maltreatment, including neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, exploitation and emotional abuse; and,

WHEREAS, on average, 16 new cases of child abuse and neglect are reported in Kalamazoo County every day; and,

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council works to educate our children on personal safety, parents on safe sleep practices, and professionals on recognizing and reporting signs of child abuse and neglect; and,

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council specializes in multiple programs including Kids are Special, KCAN Family Help Book, and Mandated Reporter Training; and,

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council recognizes the need to be proactive in the prevention of child abuse along with continuously building relationships throughout the County of Kalamazoo.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Kalamazoo County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in the effort to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

Adopted: April 19, 2022

Moved Bruder-Melgar

Seconded Morales

Carried Roll Call Vote: Yes (11): Fran Bruder-Melgar, John Gisler, Tracy Hall, Jeff Heppler, Veronica McKissack, Monteze Morales, Mike Quinn, Tami Rey, Dale Shugars, Jen Strebs, Roger Tuinier; No (0): None.; Absent (0): None.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, Meredith Place, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Kalamazoo County, Michigan (the “County”) do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on April 19, 2022. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 25 day of April, 2022.


Meredith Place, County Clerk
Kalamazoo County