

2019 RES-023
RECOGNIZING THE RAINBOW PROJECT'S COMMITMENT TO CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

WHEREAS, in 2018, Dane County had 6,200 reports made to Child Protective Services for child maltreatment, and of those substantiated cases, 55% were neglect, 28% sexual abuse and 16% were physical abuse; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Dane County; at the same time, child abuse and neglect affects every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; Dane County has long partnered with the Rainbow Project to work with children and families to both prevent and treat abuse; and

WHEREAS, while, nationally, April was Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, Dane County recognizes the ongoing, continual need to increase awareness about child abuse and promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, supportive environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes the Rainbow Project and its staff for their commitment to prevention and awareness of child abuse.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board encourages the community to continue to work to ensure a safe, stable and supportive environment for all children and families.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to members of the Dane County Coordinated Community Response Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, and also Sharyl Kato, Chair of the task force and Director of The Rainbow project, in recognition of their role in improving the quality of life for children and families in Dane County.