

2023 RES-017
RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, April 2023 is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Dane County Human Services Department received 4,488 access reports (referrals), an increase of 7.9% from 2020; of these, 147 reports, or 3%, were substantiated; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on people becoming involved, asking questions, making critical decisions, and offering help; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Dane County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes April 2023 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Patrick Miles, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2023.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk