

A RESOLUTION declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Lawrence County, Kentucky.

WHEREAS, child abuse is considered one of our nation's most serious public health problems, with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse and neglect of children and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological, and behavioral disorders; and

WHEREAS, in rightful observation of this public health crisis, Child Abuse Prevention Month was officially declared by Lawrence County Judge/Executive John Osborne. In his proclamation, Judge Osborne urged "all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in an effort to support families, thus preventing child abuse and strengthening and protecting our community"; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2016, at the Lawrence County Extension Office, there will be a community event entitled "Stand Up for Children" that will feature educational sessions for parents and guardians and recreational events for children; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body on this day hereby declares April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Lawrence County, and grants all those who have given of their time and talent, including Judge Osborne and the various organizations who have helped make their community aware of how important it is to stand up to child abuse, best wishes as they continue to represent the very best of this Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives does hereby declare April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Lawrence County, Kentucky.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Jill York for delivery.