

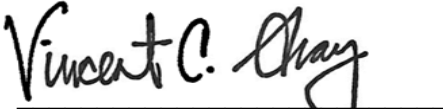




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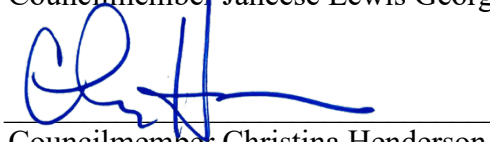
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27 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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31 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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35 To declare April 2024 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in the District of
36 Columbia.

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38 WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month, first commemorated in 1983, recognizes the
39 importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect and
40 promotes the social and emotional well-being of children and families;

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42 WHEREAS, every child has the right to develop and mature in a safe, secure, and
43 supportive environment, free from violence, victimization, and neglect;

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45 WHEREAS, in Federal fiscal year 2022, 3.9 million reports were made to child protective
46 services;

48 WHEREAS, research indicates that child abuse and adverse childhood experiences can
49 have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for
50 victims of abuse;

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52 WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our
53 community and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone;

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55 WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the
56 District of Columbia;

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58 WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote
59 social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children;

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61 WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because partnerships
62 created within communities, human service agencies, schools, faith-based and community
63 organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families;

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65 WHEREAS, the District recognizes the impact of bringing awareness to this issue, which
66 unfortunately many District children and youth experience;

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68 WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase
69 awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of
70 children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment;

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72 WHEREAS, DC Child and Family Services Agency through the “Keeping DC Families
73 Together Initiative” aims to ensure the wellbeing of families, and works to prevent child abuse
74 through promising policies, practices, and partnerships;

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76 WHEREAS, 2024 commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Child Abuse Prevention and
77 Treatment Act (CAPTA) of 1974 which represented the United States first major legislation to
78 address the issue of child maltreatment across the nation; and

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80 WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia thanks and recognizes the community
81 partners who work to prevent the tragedy of child abuse and neglect before it happens and keep the
82 children of the District healthy and whole.

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84 **RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this**
85 **resolution may be cited as the “Child Abuse Prevention Month Recognition Resolution of 2024”.**

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87 **Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares April 2024 as “Child Abuse**
88 **Prevention Month” in the District of Columbia.**

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90 **Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.**