RESOLUTION NO. 14-2016

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2016, AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE VILLAGE OF PERRY, OHIO

WHEREAS, each child in our community has the right to live and grow in a safe, secure and supportive environment; enter school prepared to succeed; be able to choose healthy behaviors; and successfully transition into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are recognized as two of our most pressing social problems, and Lake County received nearly 3600 new reports of abuse, neglect or maltreatment in 2015; and

WHEREAS, in order to prevent child abuse and improve family life in our community, we shall encourage community members to: volunteer in programs within our community that serve children and families, work within our schools to foster child abuse prevention programs, and become educated as to the signs of abuse and neglect as well as the methods for reporting same to the appropriate authorities; and

WHEREAS, with every community member making a commitment to make Perry Village a safer place for our children and generations to come, the children of our Village will feel valued and have a greater chance to grow to be contributing members of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PERRY, COUNTY OF LAKE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> That April, 2016, is hereby designated as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH throughout the Village of Perry, Ohio.

<u>Section 2.</u> That all formal actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting, and all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees, which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

VICKY STEVENS, MAYOR

JOANNE CLAPP, CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER