RESOLUTION 89-17

TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, April is National Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Suspected abuse and neglect of children is the legal responsibility of every citizen to report; and

WHEREAS, Our community has accomplished a lot towards realizing the goal of ensuring efficient, effective intervention on behalf of abused and neglected children and of providing high quality, uniform treatment services for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, We actively promote a pro-active response to the problem of child abuse and neglect by supporting and contributing to the efforts of such organizations as the Indiana and Monroe County Chapters of the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse to prevent child maltreatment in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, Our statistics indicate that while these efforts are proving effective, there remains a dire need for a continued unified effort to prevent child maltreatment, in light of the 14,930 children found to have been abused and neglected by their parents or guardians in Indiana during the period from July 1, 1987 through June 30, 1988, and the more than 1,000 reports in Monroe County last year; and

WHEREAS, Our need for continued efforts in this area is made even more urgent by the fact that for at least 27 of these Indiana children, abuse resulted in death; and

WHEREAS, The solution to this problem cannot be left solely to persons involved in professions dealing directly with child abuse and neglect, but must be shared by the entire community supported by governmental efforts; and

WHEREAS, Bloomington owes a debt of gratitude to concerned citizens and organizations for providing families with services to ensure the physical and emotional well-being of our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

The Common Council recognizes the month of April 1989 as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Awareness Month, expresses our support for the creation of a Children's Advocacy Center to deal with all aspects of child abuse and urges all citizens to take the opportunity to renew their commitment to protecting the children of Monroe County; for in so doing, we will enhance the quality of life not only for these children at risk but for the entire citizenry.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 5th day of April, 1989.

James C. Regester

JAMES C. REGESTER, Council President

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon ~~this~~ 6th day of April, 1989.

Tomilea Allison

TOMILEA ALLISON, Mayor
City of Bloomington