

R-09-68

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL TO BE “CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH” IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, since 1983, April has been designated as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” devoting the month to public awareness and education activities in order to transform our communities into places that care about – and actively support – families and children; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a problem that crosses all ethnic, social and economic lines, and its prevention depends on involvement among everyone throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only harm children directly, but also increases the likelihood of long term physical and mental health problems, alcohol and substance abuse, continued family violence and criminal behavior.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That in order to bring awareness of this community problem to our citizens and residents, the month of April 2009 is hereby declared to be “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in the City of North Little Rock.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Patrick H. Hays

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:

Alderman Linda Robinson

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b