



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Special recognition honoring April 2021 as National Child Abuse Prevention (Blue Kids Lake County) Month.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**WHEREAS**, National Child Abuse Prevention Month is recognized throughout the United States as well as Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, the effect of a devastating pandemic and economic crisis have increased the risk of child abuse and neglect, which can lead to medical, emotional, psychological and behavioral disorders. During this month, it is so important to combat child abuse in all forms; and

**WHEREAS**, preventing child abuse and neglect is a problem that depends on community involvement, and effective child abuse prevention programs are successful because of partnerships among state and local government agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, created in 2011, Blue Kids Lake County promotes public awareness of child abuse through the creation and display of Blue Kids signs across the county through April and by providing educational material on its website; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many social service organizations in Lake County as well as park districts, libraries, exchange and rotary clubs, municipal and civic organizations, and private residents that have partnered with Blue Kids Lake County to prevent child abuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RECOGNIZED**, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a reminder of the ongoing efforts by those who work to support children and strengthen families; and

**BE IT FURTHER RECOGNIZED** that the Lake County Board does hereby thank Blue Kids Lake County for its work to prevent child abuse and urges all residents to take an active role in supporting children and parents and creating safer, healthier communities.

**DATED**, at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, on April 13, 2021.