



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway
District 2

STATEMENT

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: Angela Whitfield Calloway, Council Member *AWC*

DATE: May 7, 2024

RE: Statement Regarding Child Abuse Prevention Month

The first paragraph of the Detroit City Charter commits the governing body of this great city to the “development and welfare of our youth, our most precious treasure.” Despite this commitment, thousands of children slip through the cracks in our community, suffering from abuse, neglect, and poverty. This is simply unacceptable. It is a basic right of our children that they develop in a safe and supportive environment.

It is our responsibility as leaders, educators, parents, and residents of this city to provide youth with the best foundation possible to prepare them for a future in a society that is not always forgiving. Our children should not need to spend their childhood in fear and consternation. Detroit youth should grow up with the confidence that their caretakers and their community are providing them with adequate resources necessary to lead a healthy life and have a promising future.

At my request, the Legislative Policy Division has drafted a resolution recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Though the month of April has passed, the commitment remains a priority. Children are our legacy and our greatest treasure. I will remain steadfast in my commitment to ensuring that our children’s physical, mental, emotional, and behavioral needs are met.

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