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## **April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

*"See something, say something!"*

**DAYTON, OH (04/01/2022)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today the recognition of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The purpose is to bring to the public's attention the importance of reporting suspected child abuse and neglect. Every child should have a safe, stable, and nurturing place to live, learn, and grow.

Every person in our community has the responsibility to help prevent child abuse and neglect. The assistance of the public is crucial in reporting incidents of suspected child abuse and neglect. As long as there is a single case of child abuse or neglect in our community, we will act quickly to address it but it needs to be reported to authorities.

Billboards will be shown throughout the county during the month of April to remind citizens to get involved in protecting children.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "Whether you are a teacher, doctor, counselor, coach, family member, or just a friend, you can't depend on anyone else to do something about what might be happening. It is your business and you should do something. You may be the only one who will!"

"It is important that if you see something, say something. Report suspected child abuse or neglect by calling your local law enforcement agency or the local child protection agency. In an emergency, call 911."

The child protection agency number in Montgomery County is (937) 224-KIDS (5437).

Heck continued, "On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, we will announce the recipient of the 2022 Champion of Children Award, to recognize the outstanding efforts of a citizen who has helped to protect a child or has shown outstanding work towards protecting children in our community. When people get involved and report what they see, we can make a difference in the lives of abused or neglected children in Montgomery County."

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