

**WHEATON PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-05**

**A RESOLUTION ENACTING A POLICY STATEMENT TO REFLECT THE
WHEATON PARK DISTRICT'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABUSED AND
NEGLECTED CHILD REPORTING ACT AND THE ADOPTION OF POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES RELATED TO SAME**

WHEREAS, Wheaton Park District ("Park District") is an Illinois park district and unit of local government organized and operating pursuant to the Park District Code (70 ILCS 1205/1-1 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (325 ILCS 5/1 *et seq.*) was enacted to prevent child abuse and neglect by, among other things, requiring certain persons, known as mandatory reporters, to report all instances of suspected child abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, certain Park District employees are considered mandatory reporters under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, including child care or day care staff and recreational or athletic program or facility personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Park District has at all times, both past and present, complied with the requirements of the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, including the mandatory reporting of all suspected child abuse and neglect, and has established informal policies and procedures related to same; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners of the Wheaton Park District ("Park Board") recognizes the importance of maintaining strict regulatory compliance, and through this Resolution hereby affirms the Park District's policy to fully comply with Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, including the mandatory reporting of all suspected child abuse and neglect, as now and as hereafter may be amended; and

WHEREAS, the Park Board hereby finds and declares that it is in best interests of the Park District to formally adopt policies and procedures outlining the Park District's obligations under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, including the mandatory reporting of all suspected child abuse and neglect.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE WHEATON PARK DISTRICT, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: The Park Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are true and correct and does hereby incorporate them in this Resolution as if said preambles were fully set forth within this Section One.

SECTION TWO: The Park Board hereby approves the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act Policies and Procedures attached to and incorporated in this Resolution as Exhibit A, and directs appropriate staff to take all actions necessary and desirable to implement said policy.

SECTION THREE: Any and all policies, resolutions or ordinances of the Park District which may conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

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SECTION FOUR: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage in the manner provided by law.

PASSED THIS 15th day of March, 2017.

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2



**President, Board of Park Commissioners
Wheaton Park District
DuPage County, Illinois**



**ATTEST: Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners
Wheaton Park District
DuPage County, Illinois**

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EXHIBIT A

Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act Policies and Procedures

CHILD ABUSE & MANDATED REPORTER - To be included in All Department Annual Training and Orientation Programs – Employees must sign a document indicating they have received and understand their responsibilities

- Under the law, you have a responsibility to report suspected child abuse.
- Reasons to suspect abuse include a child telling you he was harmed, seeing a child being hit with an object, seeing a child dressed inappropriately for the weather or noticing marks on the child that could not have been from an accident.
- Four main categories of abuse are physical, sexual, emotional and neglect.
- Don't forget to document your findings.
- Contact your supervisor and he or she will investigate and together you will report to appropriate DCFS authority.