

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

Testimonial Resolution
Family Court Awareness Month

WHEREAS The Honorable Coleman A. Young II, Detroit City Councilman At Large Recognizes the Robust Importance of Family Court Awareness Month.
WHEREAS Family Court Awareness Month (FCAM) was created to raise an increased awareness on the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interests of children.
WHEREAS Family Court Awareness Month cites that 58,000 children in the U.S. are ordered into unsupervised contact with abusive parents each year resulting in hundreds of child murders during visitation with a dangerous parent.
WHEREAS Family Court Awareness Month references August 2024 when a 6-year-old Rowan Morey of Caledonia, Michigan, was not returned to his mother after his father's parenting time.
WHEREAS Family Court Awareness Month references August 2022 when a 16-month-old Chaos Demilo McCarthy was murdered by his father in Genesee County.
WHEREAS Family Court Awareness Month references September 2021 when a 3-year-old Dylan Thebo was fatally shot by his father in a murder-suicide during court-ordered visitation in Kent County.
WHEREAS Family Court Awareness Month references Tsimhoni children's abuse claims in 2015 were dismissed by the Oakland County Family Court and the children were sent to juvenile hall for resisting visitation with their father.
WHEREAS Family Court Awareness Month references Kent County, Michigan, following six domestic violence-related homicides within three months in 2021, recognized the need for a specialized Domestic Violence Court.
WHEREAS Family Court Awareness Month has a mission to promote judicial education and awareness about the necessity of using scientifically validated, evidence-based treatment programs that are proven to be safe and effective.
WHEREAS Family Court Awareness Month is dedicated to educating judges and family court professionals on the importance of incorporating evidence-based, peer-reviewed research into their decision-making.
WHEREAS Family Court Awareness Month aims to encourage collaboration among legislators, advocates, professionals, and the community to improve family court practices, ensuring they are guided by evidence-based research and prioritize the safety and best interests of children NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED The Honorable Coleman A. Young II, Council Member At-Large #1 along with Honorable Detroit City Council Members celebrate the mission, dedication, and excellence of Family Court Awareness Month.

Council member signatures and date: November 5, 2024. Includes titles like COUNCIL PRESIDENT, COUNCIL MEMBER PRO TEM, and COUNCIL MEMBER.