

**CITY OF WEST ALLIS
RESOLUTION R-2025-4307**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS THAT MANDATE
REPORTING OF THREATENED OR SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE TO LAW
ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, under current law, if a report is for threatened or suspected child sexual abuse or trafficking, the child welfare department must within 12 hours refer the case to the police, but no law requires a referral to police for threatened or suspected child abuse or neglect (unless the report is of sexual abuse); and

WHEREAS, companion bills have been introduced in both the Assembly (AB 412) and Senate (SB 432) that require employees of a child welfare department to refer to police all reports of threatened or suspected child abuse, not just sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, the West Allis community was recently struck with tragedy when a 4-year-old child name Dante Campbell lost his life on October 18 as a result of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, the criminal complaint against Dante's abusers states that Child Protective Services was previously notified of suspected abuse against Dante, but no law required that abuse to be reported to law enforcement by Child Protective Services;

WHEREAS, the proposed bills, if enacted, would allow law enforcement to intervene and prevent a child from suffering abuse and may prevent another child from suffering a loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Allis supports any law that provides for additional channels to use existing systems to stop child abuse;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the West Allis Common Council supports the passage and enactment of 2025 Assembly Bill 412/Senate Bill 432 and thanks the legislative sponsors for bringing this bill to the legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the city clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

SECTION 1: **ADOPTION** “R-2025-4307” of the City Of West Allis Municipal Resolutions is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

R-2025-4307(Added)

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS COMMON COUNCIL

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	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Ald. Ray Turner	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Kimberlee Grob	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Chad Halvorsen	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Marissa Nowling	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Suzzette Grisham	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Danna Kuehn	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Dan Roadt	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Patty Novak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Kevin Haass	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Marty Weigel	_____	_____	_____	_____

Attest

Presiding Officer

Tracey Uttke, City Clerk, City Of
West Allis

Dan Devine, Mayor, City Of West
Allis