

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Florida's future depends on the healthy development of our children; and

**WHEREAS**, the abuse and neglect of children can cause severe, costly and lifelong problems; and

**WHEREAS**, every child has the right to a safe, healthy, and happy childhood where they are educationally and developmentally on track; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that parents and caregivers who have support systems and know how to seek help in times of trouble are more resilient and better able to provide safe environments and nurturing experiences for their children; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals, businesses, schools, and faith-based and community organizations must make children a top priority and take action to support the physical, social, emotional, and educational development and competency of all children; and

**WHEREAS**, the blue and silver pinwheel stands as a symbol of the health and happiness all children deserve; and


**WHEREAS**, during the month of April, Prevent Child Abuse Florida, in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, the Florida Department of Children and Families, and the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, will implement Pinwheels for Prevention, a statewide campaign promoting awareness of healthy child development, positive parenting practices, and the types of concrete support families need within their communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2019, as

## ***Child Abuse Prevention Month***

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to engage in activities whose purpose is to strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal environment for healthy child development.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen.



**BILL PARTINGTON**

Mayor