

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, less isolated 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 act to support the physical, social, emotional, and educational development and competency of all children; 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 solid 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 2022, as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to recognize the benefits of engaging 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 5th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.



BILL PARTINGTON

Mayor