

Resolution

Whereas Florida's bright future depends on the healthy development of its children;

Whereas adverse childhood experiences, including the abuse and neglect of children, can cause severe and costly consequences for children, families and society as a whole;

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

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;

Whereas it is vital that individuals, businesses, schools and community organizations make children a top priority and take action to support the physical, social, emotional and educational development and competency of all children;

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, Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, and the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force of Brevard, implements Pinwheels for Prevention;

Whereas Pinwheels for Prevention is a statewide coordinated campaign aimed to increase awareness of child abuse prevention efforts by encouraging healthy child development, positive parenting practices and community support;

Whereas the blue and silver pinwheel displays in this campaign symbolize the health and happiness all children deserve; and

Whereas Child Abuse Prevention Month is an important opportunity to urge all Floridians to engage in activities that strengthen families and communities, and that provide the optimal environment for healthy child development;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 4th day of April 2023.

ATTEST:

Rachel M. Sadoff, Clerk

Rita Pritchett, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County, Florida