

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN FLORIDA**

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

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, every child has a 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**, 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; 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, Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, and the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force of Brevard, implements Pinwheels for Prevention; and

**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; and

**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 Commissioner of Brevard County, Florida, does hereby designate April 2024 as

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.**

**DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED** in regular session by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2024.

ATTEST:

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

JASON STEELE, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FL