

**IN RECOGNITION OF
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

APRIL 2024

- WHEREAS,** FLORIDA'S BRIGHT FUTURE DEPENDS ON THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF ITS CHILDREN AND EVERY CHILD HAS A RIGHT TO A SAFE, HEALTHY AND HAPPY CHILDHOOD WHERE THEY ARE EDUCATIONALLY AND DEVELOPMENTALLY ON TRACK; 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,** 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 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND THE OUNCE OF PREVENTION FUND OF FLORIDA, IMPLEMENTS PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION. 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,** CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO URGE ALL FLORIDIANS TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES THAT STRENGTHEN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE THE OPTIMAL ENVIRONMENT FOR HEALTHY CHILD DEVELOPMENT; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 2024, AS:

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA**

SIGNED THIS 3rd DAY OF
APRIL, 2024 AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR LINDA HILL ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER KEVIN BIEDERMAN
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