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

WHEREAS, adverse childhood experiences, including 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 supported in achieving their educational and developmental milestones; and

WHEREAS, research demonstrates that parents and caregivers who have strong support systems and access to resources are more resilient and better equipped to provide safe, nurturing environments 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 their physical, social, emotional, and educational development; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Services Council of Broward County is committed to supporting families by funding Family Support Programs designed to reduce the incidence and impact of child abuse, neglect, and trauma; and

WHEREAS, Broward BEWARE!, a countywide campaign led by the Children's Services Council and its partners, aim to raise awareness of child abuse prevention by promoting healthy child development, positive parenting practices, and community engagement; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims the month of April 2025, as

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

and encourages all residents to join in efforts that support the well-being of children and families.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed this 10th day of April 2025.