

**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.**