

Proclamation

WHEREAS, In the United States, November is recognized as Children's Grief Awareness month; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 11 children in the state of Florida will experience the death of a parent or sibling by the time they turn 18, with that more than doubling by the time they turn 25; and

WHEREAS, In Polk County there are approximately 4,000 children who will grieve the death of a parent by the time they turn 18; and

WHEREAS, Research shows, that providing grief support counseling early after a death, can help children develop coping skills, understand and identify feelings;

NOW, THEREFORE, we hereby proclaim **November 2023**, as:

Children's Grief Awareness Month



POLK
COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners