

# Proclamation

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WHEREAS, children who have adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are at a higher risk of short and long-term physical, psychological, and behavioral challenges that can impact the individual child and the greater community; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, Prevent Child Abuse Florida, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Children and Families, Heartland for Children, and The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, implements Pinwheels for Prevention, a statewide coordinated campaign to raise awareness of child abuse prevention efforts by teaching about healthy child development and positive parenting practices, and establishing Circle of Parents peer support groups; and

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month provides everyone a chance to learn how they can play a role in preventing abuse and neglect including adverse childhood experiences (ACEs); and

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month reminds Floridians of all ages that they can help children increase positive childhood experiences, which lead to happier, healthier childhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, we hereby proclaim April 2024, as:

## **Child Abuse Prevention Month**



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