



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to protecting its most vulnerable and empowering our children to reach their full potential and lead healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, each of Florida's four million children deserves a safe, healthy and happy home where they are developmentally and educationally on a path to success; and

WHEREAS, child abuse, neglect, and other adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) can severely impact a child's lifelong health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, children who are abused and neglected may suffer physical injuries, emotional and psychological difficulties, and long-term effects of trauma; and

WHEREAS, research shows that parents and caregivers who have support systems and seek help in times of trouble are more resilient and better able to provide safe environments and nurturing experiences for their children; and

WHEREAS, every person should make children a top priority and take meaningful action to support children and families in their communities; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, Prevent Child Abuse Florida, in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, the Florida Department of Children and Families, and the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, implement Pinwheels for Prevention; and

WHEREAS, 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, the blue and silver pinwheel displays in this campaign are used to symbolize the health and happiness all children deserve; and

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month is an opportunity to encourage all Floridians to put children first and engage in activities that strengthen families and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing April 2020, as *Child Abuse Prevention Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of April, in the year two thousand twenty.


Governor