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PROCLAIMING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Florida's future prosperity depends on nurturing the healthy development of more than 4 million children currently living, growing and learning within our many diverse communities, and;

WHEREAS, research shows that safe and nurturing relationships and stimulating and stable environments improve brain development and the well being of children, while neglectful or abusive experiences and unstable or stressful environments increase the odds of poor childhood outcomes, and;

WHEREAS, the abuse and neglect of children can cause severe, costly and lifelong problems affecting all of society, including physical and mental problems, school failure and criminal behavior, and;

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

WHEREAS, individuals, businesses, schools, and faith-based and community organizations must make children a top priority and take action to support the physical, social, emotional and educational development and competency of all children; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, Prevent Child Abuse Florida, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Children and Families, will be engaging communities throughout the state in a coordinated effort to prevent child abuse and neglect by promoting the awareness of healthy child development, positive parenting practices and the types of concrete support families need within their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida hereby declares April 2014 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Attest:


Town Clerk


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