

WHEREAS, for more than three decades, CASTLE has upheld their legacy of protecting the lives of abused children and families; and

WHEREAS, CASTLE works diligently with Devereux and the Florida Department of Children and Families to ensure that every child suffering from abuse has a brighter future and hope for a safe life; and

WHEREAS, children who have suffered abuse or neglect are at least 25 percent more likely to experience problems such as delinquency, teen pregnancy, low academic achievement, drug use, and mental health problems; and

WHEREAS, CASTLE, along with its community partners, embraces opportunities that can potentially change the way society cares for children and youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017, as:

Child Abuse Prevention Month

and urge all citizens to act now to protect children in Fort Pierce, Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to be affixed this 20th day of March, 2017.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER