



CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** in Federal fiscal year 2024, 3.9 million reports were made to child protective services; and
- WHEREAS,** child abuse and neglect is a resinous problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and
- WHEREAS,** our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of St. Lucie County; and
- WHEREAS,** child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for the victims of abuse; and
- WHEREAS,** Helping People Succeed is committed to providing protective factors and conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and
- WHEREAS,** effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and
- WHEREAS,** communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that can create strong and thriving children and families; and
- WHEREAS,** we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and
- WHEREAS,** prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

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

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

in Fort Pierce Florida and urges all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

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 1st day of April 2024.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER

