

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Whereas, Children are vital to our future success and every child has the right to grow up safe, healthy, happy and free from abuse; and

Whereas, All children deserve to receive love, nurturing and care and live in communities that foster their healthy growth and development; and

Whereas, Child abuse, neglect and abandonment is a community responsibility, affecting both the current and future quality of life of any community; and

Whereas, Hibiscus Children's Center has been saving children's lives for 40 years. Hibiscus upholds the legacy of transforming the lives of children and families and embraces opportunities that can potentially change the way society cares for children; and

Whereas, Hibiscus Children's Center provides a safe haven, mental health counseling, educational services and career training for vulnerable youth. The generous community has supported Hibiscus for over four decades and helps to provide youth with a strong foundation for the future and give them every opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential; and

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, we honor the unwavering commitment of the individuals dedicated to protecting children and providing safe environments for children on the Treasure Coast since its founding in 1985.

Adopted this 22th day of April 2025.

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