



CHILDREN'S TRUST
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

PROCLAMATION

Child Abuse Prevention Month, April 2026

WHEREAS, strong communities are built by supporting children and families, and ensuring every child has the opportunity to grow up safe, healthy, and surrounded by caring relationships; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Trust of Alachua County is dedicated to funding and supporting a coordinated system of services that allows all youth and their families to thrive; and

WHEREAS, positive childhood experiences and supportive environments help children succeed in school, build resilience, and lead healthy, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, although more than 5,000 cases of child abuse are reported each year in Alachua County, our community continues to come together to provide hope, healing, and support to thousands of children and caregivers through prevention, advocacy, and care; and

WHEREAS, through strong partnerships with the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force and many dedicated community organizations, we are building a culture of prevention that strengthens families and reduces the risk of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to recognize the power of community, celebrate the impact of collective action, and recommit to creating a brighter future for all children;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE CHILDREN'S TRUST OF ALACHUA COUNTY, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** and call upon all residents, businesses, and community partners to support families, uplift children, and work together to ensure every child can grow, learn, and thrive.

Chair, Children's Trust of Alachua County