



Office of the City Commission

**Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, Florida's bright future depends on the healthy development of its children; and

**WHEREAS**, adverse childhood experiences, including the abuse and neglect of children, can cause severe and costly consequences for children, families and society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, every child has a right to a safe, healthy and happy childhood where they are educationally and developmentally on track; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that parents and caregivers who have support systems 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**, it is vital that individuals, businesses, schools and community organizations 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 and the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, implements Pinwheels for Prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, Pinwheels for Prevention is a statewide coordinated campaign aimed to increase awareness of child abuse prevention efforts by encouraging healthy child development, positive parenting practices and community support; and

**WHEREAS**, the blue and silver pinwheel displays in this campaign symbolize the health and happiness all children deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, Child Abuse Prevention Month is an important opportunity to urge all Floridians to engage in activities that strengthen families and communities, and that provide the optimal environment for healthy child development.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ROSS**, Mayor of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, and the City Commission, do extend my support to all observing April 2024 as ***Child Abuse Prevention Month***.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, to be affixed on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

GREG ROSS  
Mayor, City of Cooper City