Levy County Florida A Proclamation

Declaring "April 2024", as "*Child Abuse Prevention Month*" In Levy County, Florida

Whereas, Children are our most valuable resource, and they are also our most vulnerable population; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect cause significant trauma to the abused child(ren) resulting in long-term physical and emotional effects; and

Whereas, child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, mental health organizations, law enforcement agencies, and community-based organizations; and

Whereas, The University of Florida Children's Advocacy Center was established to achieve better outcomes for children and their families who are victims of child abuse and neglect by providing collaborative, community-based services to all those affected; and

Whereas, during the month of April, public and private-sector agencies, childcare professionals, child advocates, and residents will be increasing the public's awareness of child abuse and neglect prevention.

Dow, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners, Levy County, Florida, that April 2024 shall be recognized as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" and, furthermore, encourage the citizens of Levy County to increase their understanding and awareness of Child Abuse Prevention.

Duly proclaimed this 2^{nd} day of April, 2024.

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