

Proclamation



The Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners

Whereas: Florida's future prosperity depends on nurturing the healthy development of over four million children currently living, growing and learning within our diverse communities; and

Whereas: Research shows that safe and nurturing relationships and stimulating and stable environments improve brain development, and the well-being of children, while neglectful or abusive experiences and unstable or stressful situations increase the odds of poor childhood outcomes; and

Whereas: The abuse and neglect of children can cause severe, costly and lifelong problems including physical and mental health problems, school failure and criminal behavior, which impact all of society; and


Whereas: Parents and caregivers who have social networks and know how to seek help in times of trouble are more resilient and better able to provide a safe haven and nurturing experiences for their children; and


Whereas: During the month of April, Prevent Child Abuse Florida, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Children and Families, will be engaging communities throughout Florida, including Miami-Dade County, in a coordinated effort to prevent child abuse and neglect by promoting the awareness of healthy child development, positive parenting practices and the types of concrete support families need within their communities;

Now Therefore: BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, CARLOS A. GIMENEZ, MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, CHAIRWOMAN REBECA SOSA AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THIS COMMUNITY, do hereby proclaim April, 2014, as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

In Observance I call upon the good people of Miami-Dade County to join me in engaging in activities whose purpose is to
Thereof: strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal setting for healthy child development.


Rebeca Sosa
Chairwoman


Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

