



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, *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 Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, 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; and*

Now Therefore, *I, William C. Hall, Mayor of the City of South Daytona, do hereby proclaim the month of April as*

Child Abuse Prevention Month

In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of South Daytona to be affixed on this 23rd day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-One.*

William C. Hall, Mayor