



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

**WHEREAS**, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children to ensure that all children grow to their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kent Guinn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2018 as

## **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2018.



Kent Guinn, Mayor  
City of Ocala