

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Children are often targets of neglect, mental, physical and sexual abuse requiring community-wide efforts to prevent and safeguard our children by providing loving and nurturing relationships in which they can thrive; and

WHEREAS: Numerous youth-serving organizations, led by Family Support Services of North Florida (FSS), provide safety, stability and quality of life services for all children through foster care, adoption and family preservation programs in Duval and Nassau counties; and

WHEREAS: Child abuse prevention programs were developed upon the belief that children can be safely protected and cared for within their own homes when parents are provided services and resources for support; and

WHEREAS: In collaboration with local case management organizations, FSS works to prevent child abuse by providing resources and programs that build healthy and safe families; and

WHEREAS: During the month of April, nationally-recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month, FSS will seek to increase awareness through various community events and activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to support efforts and organizations that work to protect and safeguard Jacksonville children from abuse and neglect.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this ^{7th} day of ^{March}
in the year Two Thousand 19

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA