



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Florida's future depends on nurturing the healthy development of our children; and

**WHEREAS**, the abuse and neglect of children can cause severe, costly, and lifelong problems; and

**WHEREAS**, every child has a right to a safe, healthy, and happy childhood where they are educationally and developmentally on track; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that parents and caregivers who have support systems and know how to seek help in times of trouble are more resilient and better able to provide safe environments and nurturing experiences for their children; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals, businesses, schools, and faith-based and community organizations must take action to support the physical, social, emotional, and educational development and competency of all children; and

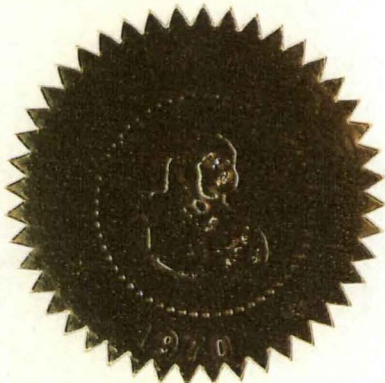
**WHEREAS**, the blue and silver pinwheel stands as a symbol of the health and happiness all children deserve; and


**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, will implement Pinwheels for Prevention, a statewide campaign promoting awareness of healthy child development, positive parenting practices, and the types of concrete support families need within their communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Leslie Waters, Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2019, to be *Child Abuse Prevention Month* and urge all Floridians to engage in activities whose purpose is to strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal environment for healthy child development.

## "Child Abuse Prevention Month"

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.



  
Leslie Waters, Mayor