Agenda Report



Resolution/Award/Presentation

4/8/2025

Subject:

Resolution recognizing April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month - District 5

Fiscal Impact:

None

E.1.

Dept/Office:

District 5 Commission Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that BOCC approves the resolution recognizing April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Summary Explanation and Background:

None

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please provide one framed copy of the resolution to be presented at the meeting.

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April 09, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Thad Altman, District 5

RE: Item E.1., Resolution Recognizing April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 8, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 25-022, recognizing April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RACHEL M./SADOFF, CLERK

Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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Encl. (1)



Whereas, Prevention is possible; with the right policies and investments, families and children can thrive and avoid contact with child welfare and other costly systems; the early experiences of a child impact them throughout life, both positively and negatively;

Whereas, every family and child is filled with tremendous promise, and we all have a collective responsibility to prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), foster the potential of every child, and promote Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs); and

Whereas, Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs), such as loving caregivers and safe, stable, and nurturing relationships play a vital role in helping children thrive by miligating trauma and the negative impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs); and

Whereas, families who receive the support they need before a crisis occurs are better equipped to provide safe, healthy, and nurturing environments, leading to children who are safer, healthier, and more hopeful about their futures; and

Whereas, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects throughout an individual's lifetime and impact future generations; and

Whereas, primary prevention of child abuse and neglect can reduce the lifetime economic burden associated with child maltreatment; effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

Whereas, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about what families need before they are in crisis and contribute to promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

Whereas, investments in primary prevention initiatives such as early childhood home visiting programs, policies that promote economic stability and mobility, and community-based child abuse prevention efforts, reduce the likelihood of abuse and neglect and ensure children have the foundation for lifelong well-being; and

Whereas, primary prevention remains the best defense for our children and families. We can prevent child abuse and neglect before it happens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

And urges all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families. Together, we can create a state where every child can grow up happy, healthy, and safe with hope for their future

DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 8th day of April 2025.

ATTEST:

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ROB FELTNER, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Prevention is possible. With the right policies and investments, families and children can thrive and avoid contact with child welfare and other costly systems; and

WHEREAS, the early experiences of a child impact them throughout life – both positively and negatively; and

WHEREAS, every family and child is filled with tremendous promise, and we all have a collective responsibility to prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), foster the potential of every child, and promote Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs); and

WHEREAS, Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs)—such as loving caregivers and safe, stable, and nurturing relationships—play a vital role in helping children thrive by mitigating trauma and the negative impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs); and

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WHEREAS, primary prevention of child abuse and neglect can reduce the lifetime economic burden associated with child maltreatment; and

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DONE AND ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 8th day of April A.D., 2025.

ROB FELTNER, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

RACHEL SADOFF, CLERK

Board Meeting Date

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