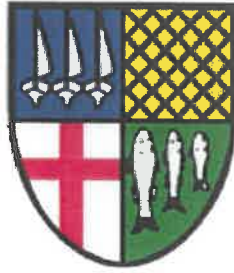


Town of Windermere



**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL, 2019 AS
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE TOWN OF WINDERMERE**

WHEREAS, Florida's bright future depends on the healthy development of its children; and

WHEREAS, 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, 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, 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, implement 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

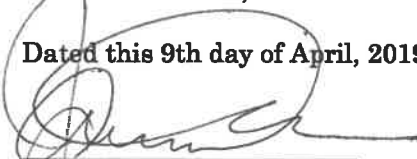
WHEREAS, the blue and silver pinwheel displays in this campaign are used to symbolize the health and happiness all children deserve; and

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;

WHEREAS, Florida's future prosperity depends on nurturing the healthy development of more than four million children currently living, growing, and learning within our many diverse communities, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jim O'Brien, Mayor of the Town of Windermere, do hereby proclaim April, 2019, as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the Town of Windermere on behalf of our Town Council, residents and staff,

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019.



Jim O'Brien, Mayor
Town of Windermere

