

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

Child Abuse Prevention Month

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

WHEREAS, adverse childhood experiences, including the abuse and neglect of children, can have severe and long-lasting consequences for children, families, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, every child has the right to a safe, healthy, and happy childhood where they are supported in achieving their educational and developmental milestones; and

WHEREAS, research demonstrates that parents and caregivers who have strong support systems and access to resources are more resilient and better equipped to provide safe, nurturing environments for their children; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for individuals, schools, community organizations, and local governments to prioritize children and take action to support their physical, social, emotional, and educational development; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Services Council of Broward County is committed to supporting families by funding Family Support Programs designed to reduce the incidence and impact of child abuse, neglect, and trauma. These programs stabilize families in crisis, promote positive parenting strategies, prevent out-of-home placements, and reduce involvement in the dependency system; and

WHEREAS, Broward AWARE!, a countywide campaign led by the Children's Services Council and its partners, aims to raise awareness of child abuse prevention by promoting healthy child development, positive parenting practices, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month provides an important opportunity to encourage all Floridians to participate in activities that strengthen families and communities, creating environments where children can thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Michael J. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Sunrise, Florida, together with the City Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 as: **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in the City of Sunrise and encourage residents and businesses to recognize this month by dedicating yourself to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.



Witness My Hand and Official Seal of
The City of Sunrise, Florida

Michael J. Ryan, Mayor