

**Before the Board of County Commissioners  
Martin County, Florida**

**A Proclamation**

**Declaring Child Abuse Prevention Month in Martin County, Florida**

- Whereas,** in fiscal year 2022, 3.1 million reports were made to child protective services; and
- Whereas,** child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and
- Whereas,** communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and
- Whereas,** Helping People Succeed is committed to providing protective factors and conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional and developmental well-being of children; and
- Whereas,** 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; and
- Whereas,** Helping People Succeed is celebrating 60 years of service to the community, and through its diversified, effective program services and initiatives, hundreds of the most vulnerable local children, families and adults have been able to transform their lives through education, counseling, training and employment; and
- Whereas,** we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable and nurturing environment.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that April 2024 is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Martin County, Florida. Further, the Board urges all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating themselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

**Presented this Thirtieth Day of April 2024**

ATTEST:

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