

WHEREAS, the future of children in the Florida Keys depend on nurturing their healthy development and the abuse and neglect of children can cause severe, costly and lifelong problems;

WHEREAS, every child has a right to a safe, health and happy childhood where they are educationally and developmentally on track; our community therefore must make children a top priority and take action to support the physical, social, emotional, and educational development and competency of all children;

WHEREAS, during the month of April, Prevent Child Abuse Florida, in collaboration with the Monroe County Guardian Ad Litem Program, the Governor's Office of Adoption & Child Protection, the Florida Department of Children and Families, and the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, will implement 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, Mayor Teri Johnston, and the entire City Commission do hereby proclaim April 2019 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 2th day of April 2019.

Teri Johnston, Mayor
Sam Kaufman, Vice Mayor
Mary Lou Hoover, City Commissioner
Jimmy Weekley, City Commissioner
Billy Wardlow, City Commissioner
Greg Davila, City Commissioner
Clayton L. Lonez, City Commissioner