

## **Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in Central Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, kept secure and free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's inalienable right to a safe and nurturing childhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Orlando has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment by helping parents obtain the assistance that they need; and

**WHEREAS**, our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child maltreatment prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in safe and nurturing environments; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, local government and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage all citizens, community agencies, faith organizations and businesses to increase their efforts to support families;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Buddy Dyer**, Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim April 2015 as

**"Child Abuse Prevention Month"**

in the City of Orlando.