

## **Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation**

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect continues to be a significant issue in our community, affecting many children in Central Florida; and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured and raised free from abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to become part of our community's safety net for children, and

WHEREAS, the City of Orlando has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance 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 loving, safe, 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 and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Buddy Dyer, Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim April 2016 as

“Child Abuse Prevention Month”

in the City of Orlando.