

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Paula M. DeLaney

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year in Alachua County, more than 1,000 children are identified as victims of abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, children are our most valuable commodities and have the right to be protected from harm and abuse everyday; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, the Child Advocacy Center has worked to provide a safe, child friendly environment for interviewing children exposed to criminal situations; and

WHEREAS, the Child Advocacy Center is dedicated to continue to offer this safe environment to all children involved in legal situations; and

WHEREAS, the Child Advocacy Center recognizes that these children need help from social workers, counselors, law enforcement officers, state attorneys, victim advocates, Guardians Ad Litem, and physicians; and

WHEREAS, the Child Advocacy Center is dedicated to ensure abused and neglected children receive the services they need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paula M. DeLaney, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 2001 as

BLUE RIBBON CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in expressing our appreciation to the Child Advocacy Center and the volunteers for their dedication to the battle against child abuse and encourage our citizens to support their efforts whenever possible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 4th day of April, A.D., 2001.



Paula M. DeLaney
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Mayor