

WHEREAS, April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, 1 in every 4 girls and 1 out of every 6 boys are abused by their 18th birthday; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April, 2014 as

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in dedicating ourselves toward fulfilling the intent and spirit of this month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 14th day of April, A.D., 2014.



Edward B. Braddy Mayor