

- WHEREAS: The Broward AWARE! campaign is a collaboration between the Children's Services Council, the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, and community partners across Broward committed to preventing child abuse and neglect so children can reach their full potential; and
- **WHEREAS:** The Broward AWARE campaign is dedicated to promoting positive youth development, strengthening families, and combating child abuse, neglect and trafficking; and
- WHEREAS: child abuse and neglect are serious problems affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and
- WHEREAS: children are vital to our community's future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our must vulnerable assets; and
- WHEREAS: we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment; and
- WHEREAS: to increase attention to this issue, cities are requested to light up their City Hall blue for Child Abuse Prevention Month and show your commitment by wearing blue on Tuesday, April 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS: prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Rex Hardin, Mayor, on behalf of the City Commission of Pompano Beach, FL, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and call upon all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

DONE this 12th day of March 2024.



Rex Hardin MAYOR