

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Alachua County, Florida

- Whereas,** Alachua County’s rate for child abuse and neglect is 4.46 per 1,000 children, compared to the state rate of 4.15 per 1,000 children and
- Whereas,** child abuse and neglect cause significant trauma to the abused child and society, inflicting upon children serious illness and injury resulting in physical, intellectual, and emotional impairment, or death; and
- Whereas,** abused or neglected children are at much greater risk of becoming abusive and neglectful parents; and
- Whereas,** prevention services can reduce the cost society must bear in dealing with the results of child abuse and neglect and can help children and families avoid the overburdened and expensive social welfare and criminal justice systems; and
- Whereas,** children deserve the opportunity to grow and thrive in healthful environments, free from threats of violence and harm; and
- Whereas,** during the month of April, public and private-sector agencies, childcare professionals, child advocates, and residents will increase the public’s awareness of child abuse and neglect prevention.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim April, as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 22nd day of April, A.D., 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA

By: _____
Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.