

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, in Broward County, there over 3,500 victims of child abuse or neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem 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 most vulnerable assets; and

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

**WHEREAS**, Voices for Children of Broward County works to ensure that every abused, neglected and abandoned child in Broward County has a court- appointed Guardian ad Litem and that financial resources are available for each child's accompanying health, educational, and social needs; 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**, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tommy Ruzzano, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2016, as

## ***Voices for Children of Broward County and Child Abuse Prevention Month***

in the City of Margate, 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be  
affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016.



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**TOMMY RUZZANO, MAYOR**

Vice Mayor Joyce W. Bryan, Commissioner Lesa Peerman, Commissioner Joanne Simone, Commissioner Frank B. Talerico