

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Florida's bright future depends on the healthy development of its children; and

WHEREAS, adverse childhood experiences, including the abuse and neglect of children, can cause severe and costly consequences for children, families and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, every child has a right to a safe, healthy and happy childhood where they are educationally and developmentally on track; and

WHEREAS, research shows that parents and caregivers who have support systems and know how to seek help in times of trouble are more resilient and better able to provide safe environments and nurturing experiences for their children; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that individuals, businesses, schools and community organizations make children a top priority and take action to support the physical, social, emotional and educational development and competency of all children; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, Prevent Child Abuse Florida, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Children and Families and the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, implements Pinwheels for Prevention; and

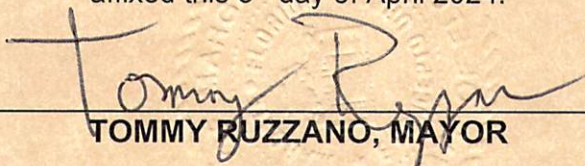
WHEREAS, Pinwheels for Prevention is a statewide coordinated campaign aimed to increase awareness of child abuse prevention efforts by encouraging healthy child development, positive parenting practices and community support; and

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month is an important opportunity to urge all Floridians to engage in activities that strengthen families and communities, and that provide the optimal environment for healthy child development.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy Ruzzano, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024, as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be
affixed this 3rd day of April 2024.



TOMMY RUZZANO, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz, Commissioner Antonio V. Arserio, Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Joanne Simone