

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Florida's future prosperity depends on nurturing the healthy development of over 4 million children currently living, growing and learning within our many diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, research shows that safe and nurturing relationships and stimulating and stable environments improve brain development and child well-being, while neglectful or abusive experiences and unstable and stressful environments increase the odds of poor childhood outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the abuse and neglect of children can cause severe, costly and lifelong problems affecting all of society, including physical and mental health problems, school failure and criminal behavior; and

WHEREAS, research also shows that parents and caregivers who have social networks 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, individuals, businesses, schools, and faith based and community organizations must make children a top priority and take action to support the physical, social, emotional, and educational development and competency of all children; and

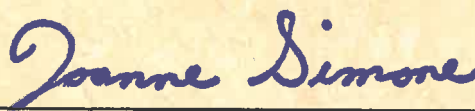
WHEREAS, during the month of April, Prevent Child Abuse Florida in collaboration with the Florida Department of Children and Families will be engaging communities throughout Florida in a coordinated effort to prevent child abuse and neglect by promoting awareness of healthy child development, positive parenting practices and the types of concrete support families need within their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joanne Simone, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2015, as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

in the City of Margate, and urge all residents to engage in activities whose purpose is to strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal environment for healthy child development.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be
affixed this 15th day of April 2015.



JOANNE SIMONE, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Joyce W. Bryan, Commissioner Lesa Peerman, Commissioner Frank B. Talerico