

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Guardian ad Litem Program provides a powerful voice on behalf of Florida's abused and neglected children; and

WHEREAS, they were created through a strong partnership of community advocates and professional staff; and

WHEREAS, many children in Florida have been removed from their families and need to have an independent advocate working on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, over 500 volunteers in Broward County work tirelessly to provide that independent advocacy on behalf of dependent children; and

WHEREAS, over 900 children are still awaiting for someone to volunteer as their Guardian ad Litem; and

WHEREAS, thousands of abused and neglected children become the subject of judicial proceedings each year in Florida; and

WHEREAS, their voices are often unheard, and best interests overlooked in the complicated and overburdened adversary process; and

WHEREAS, the Guardian ad Litem Program supports every city in Broward County and gives a voice to abused and neglected children navigating a child welfare system that can be lonely and confusing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy Ruzzano, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2017, as

GUARDIAN AD LITEM MONTH

in the City of Margate.

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 February, 2017.



TOMMY RUZZANO, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz, Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Lesa Peerman, Commissioner Joanne Simone