

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAIMING APRIL 2026 AS
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and well-being of children are fundamental priorities of Seminole County, and all children deserve to grow up in safe, stable, and nurturing environments free from abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect remain serious concerns affecting communities throughout Florida and Seminole County, with thousands of children impacted each year; and

WHEREAS, in Seminole County, thousands of children are the subject of abuse or neglect reports each year, including hundreds of confirmed cases, underscoring the importance of prevention and early intervention; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse requires a collective commitment from residents, educators, healthcare professionals, law enforcement, social service agencies, and community leaders working together to support families and protect children; and

WHEREAS, Kids House of Seminole, Inc. serves as a nationally accredited Children's Advocacy Center and the central hub for child abuse investigations in Seminole County, providing a safe, child-friendly environment where children receive coordinated services including forensic interviews, medical care, therapy, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Kids House brings together law enforcement, child protective investigators, prosecutors, and medical and mental health professionals in a unified, multidisciplinary approach to ensure a compassionate and effective response to child abuse; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness, strengthening families, and promoting protective factors such as parental resilience, social connections, and access to resources are essential to preventing child abuse before it occurs; and

WHEREAS, April is recognized nationwide as Child Abuse Prevention Month, symbolized by the blue pinwheel, representing the bright and hopeful future all children deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

ADOPTED this 14th day of April 2026

Andria Herr, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners