



## ***Proclamation***

Board of County Commissioners  
Manatee County, Florida

**WHEREAS**, Florida's future prosperity depends on nurturing the healthy development of over four 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 or 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 in Manatee County and Pinwheels for Prevention, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Children and Families, Manatee Sheriff's Office, and the Safe Children Coalition will be engaging communities throughout Manatee County 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, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that the month of April 2013 shall be known, designated, and set aside as

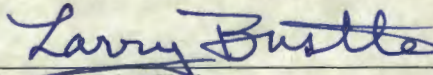
### ***CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH***

in Manatee County, Florida, and urge all residents to engage in activities whose purpose is to strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal environment for health and child development.

**ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2013.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

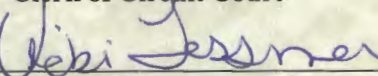
By:

  
Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST:

**R. B. "Chips" Shore**  
Clerk of Circuit Court

By:

  
Deputy Clerk



April 23, 2013 - Regular Meeting  
Agenda Item #3

Subject

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Contact: Mike Neuges x3467

Presenter: Board of County Commissioners

To Receive: Healthy Start Coalition of Manatee County

**APPROVED** in Open Session  
April 23, 2013  
Manatee County Board of County  
Commissioners

Action Requested

Adoption of proclamation designating April 2013 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Manatee County, Florida.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Board of County Commissioners adopt proclamations.

Background Discussion

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of the Healthy Start Coalition of Manatee County - Luz Corcuera, Program Director.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

none.

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

none

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

n/a

Manatee County Government Administrative Center  
Commission Chambers, First Floor  
9:00 a.m. - April 23, 2013

Attachment: [Child Abuse Prevention Month - 04.23.13.pdf](#)