

Proclamation

**In Recognition of
Voices for Children of Broward County
Child Abuse Prevention Month
April 2016**

- WHEREAS,** April, 2016 is Voices for Children of Broward County and Child Abuse Prevention Month; and
- WHEREAS,** in Broward County, there are over 3,500 victims of child abuse or neglect; and
- WHEREAS,** child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and
- WHEREAS,** children are vital to our community's future success, prosperity, and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable asset; and
- WHEREAS,** all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and
- WHEREAS,** Voices for Children of Broward County works to ensure that every abused, neglected, and abandoned child in Broward County has a court appointed Guardian ad Litem and that financial resources are available for each child's accompanying health, educational, and social needs; and
- WHEREAS,** we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment; and
- WHEREAS,** Prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim, **April 2016** as:

**Voices for Children of Broward County
and
Child Abuse Prevention Month**

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and call upon all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

DATED this, the 19th day of April 2016


Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

