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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and a time to bring the state of these affairs back to the forefront of our minds; and

WHEREAS, children are easy targets of neglect, mental,
physical and sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community effort to safeguard our children and provide loving and nurturing relationships in which children can thrive; and

WHEREAS, Family Support Services of North Florida (FSSNF) is a community leader in providing safety, stability, and quality of life for all children through foster care, adoption, and family preservation in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, FSSNF works closely with Case Management Organizations in North Florida to provide programs with resources for families to support healthy and safe families for child abuse prevention; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention programs were developed upon the belief that children can be safely

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protected and cared for within their own homes when parents

are provided services and resources for support; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention does not start and

stop with reporting the act itself. It takes all of us in

the community to advocate for child protection services,

the mental wellbeing of our youth and to share resources to

support the importance of healthy, stable families to

prevent child abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County

Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of

April, 2017 that:

1. The Board hereby proclaims April 2017 as Child Abuse

Prevention Month.

2. The Board encourages all citizens to join in

supporting Family Support Services of North Florida in

providing services and support to local families in

Nassau County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

DANTEL R LEEPER

Its: Chairman

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ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S

SIGNATURE:

A. CRAWFORD

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney

MICHAEL S. MULLIA