

WHEREAS, April has been nationally designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month and blue is the nationally accepted color signifying prevention of child abuse; and

WHEREAS, Broward County officials in conjunction with the Broward Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse, have traditionally held Blue Ribbon Week during the last week of April; and

WHEREAS, many local agencies and organizations sponsor family-oriented events throughout the month -- PTA/PTO groups have family fairs, the library features displays of prevention materials-all in support of preventing abuse; and

WHEREAS, public support has been outstanding and thousands of blue ribbons are worn by concerned citizens throughout the community in both the corporate and public sectors; and

WHEREAS, every year approximately 8,000 children are abused in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce the risk, child abuse professionals have identified several risk factors that often lead to the maltreatment of children, such as alcohol or substance abuse; severe life stress--deaths, illness, money; and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, parents can encourage positive and appropriate behavior in children through these basic steps; give children love and affection; pay attention and listen and set realistic limits.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT that the goal of this event is to raise community awareness, promote educational programs, engage community participation, and support fundraising efforts of child abuse prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Town Council of the Town of Davie hereby proclaims, the last week of April, 1999 in the Town of Davie as;

“ BLUE RIBBON WEEK FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE “

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ___ day of _____, 1999.

Harry Venis, Mayor