## **RESOLUTION 2018-**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMING APRIL, 2018 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

**WHEREAS**, April is National 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 vulnerable to neglect, abandonment, mental and physical 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 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; and

|   | NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE  | <b>D</b> this                 | day of,                                |
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| 2018, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that: |  |                               |  |
| 1.  | The Board hereby proclaims April 2018 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.            |                               |  |
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|   |  |                               | COUNTY COMMISSIONERS<br>OUNTY, FLORIDA |
|   |  | PAT EDWAF<br>Its: Chairman    |  |
|   | Attest as to Chairman's Signature:   | Approved as t<br>Nassau Count | •                                      |
|   | JOHN A. CRAWFORD Its: Ex-Officio Clerk   | MICHAEL S.                    | MULLIN                                 |