

## Town of Perdido Beach

## PROCLAMATION 2013-01 Proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in the world; and

WHEREAS, April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to recognize that we each can play a part in promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in our community; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse is important because child mistreatment is associated with adverse physical and mental health, many times producing negative effects that can last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, a strong family unit is the best deterrent to child abuse, effectively creating a safety barrier for the weakest among us; and

WHEREAS, strengthening families and preventing child abuse requires a shared commitment of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child abuse prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that the Town Council of Perdido Beach, Alabama, does hereby proclaim its support for strong family units, partnerships among families and the agencies responsible for caring for our children and youth and does hereby proclaim the month of April 2013, to be

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

This proclamation is commended to the citizens of the Town of Perdido Beach by the Town Council as an observance of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Patsy W. Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jun Thompson, Town Clerk

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