PROCLAMATION
CHILD ABUSE & PREVENTION MONTH (APRIL) AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK APRIL 7-13, 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Stuart prides itself on giving back to the community, contributing to the quality of life among our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Guardian ad Litem Program speaks for the best interests of abused, abandoned and neglected children who are involved in the court system; and

WHEREAS, more than (150) children in the community suffer from some form of abuse or neglect each year; and

WHEREAS, Stuart community members are encouraged to join together, throughout the month of April to raise awareness for those children fallen victim to abuse, neglect and abandonment; and

WHEREAS, this effort will give abused, neglected, and abandoned children in our community an improved chance for a safe permanent home and positive future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca S. Bruner, Mayor of the City of Stuart, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as **CHILD ABUSE & PREVENTION MONTH** and April 7-13, 2019 as **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK** in the City of Stuart and urge all citizens to give of their time to make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable children by volunteering with the Guardian ad Litem Program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart Florida to be affixed this 8th day of April, 2019.

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REBECCA S. BRUNER
Mayor