

# PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a goal that depends on the involvement of people throughout the community; and*

*WHEREAS, during times of stress and economic challenges families feel more vulnerable, and child abuse and neglect increase drastically; and*

*WHEREAS, abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure families have the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and*

*WHEREAS, scientific studies document the link between abuse and neglect and a wide range of medical, emotional and psychological disorders; and*

*WHEREAS, CASTLE's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect through education and awareness.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, do hereby proclaim that the month of April 2012 shall be observed as:*

## **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

*in the City of Port St. Lucie, and I urge all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening our community.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, TO BE AFFIXED, THIS NINTH DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE.

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JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor

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Carol M. Heintz, Assistant City Clerk