Proclamation

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HORRY
CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, in the Federal fiscal year 2022, 52 states reported over 600,000 victims of child abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are serious problems affecting every segment of our community and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of North Myrtle Beach; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families;

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Marilyn Hatley, Mayor of the City of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, along with the City Council, hereby proclaim April 2024, as **NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH** in North Myrtle Beach and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Dated this 1st day of April 2024.

Allison K. Galbreath, City Clerk

Marilyn Hatley, Mayor