PROCLAMATION
DECLARING JUNE 2019 AS
PRENATAL TO AGE THREE INVESTMENT MONTH IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

WHEREAS, the most rapid period of brain development occurs within the first three years of life, building the foundation for all future learning, behavior and health; and

WHEREAS, when toddlers receive what their growing brains need, they grow up healthy, safe and strong – confident and empathetic children who are ready for success in school and life; and

WHEREAS, parents are a child’s most important caregivers and play the lead role in their child’s healthy development, and at the same time, communities and governments such as Children’s Services Council and the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County can effectively provide families with an array of comprehensive support at an especially critical time, and

WHEREAS, programs and policies should start early to ensure babies are born healthy, are safe from abuse and neglect, ready for school at kindergarten, and have access to quality child care programs; and

WHEREAS, research shows that when we invest in the first three years of a child’s life the returns for the community are the highest, and can reduce the need for more expensive interventions later, and

WHEREAS, research shows that high-quality early childhood development programs can deliver an annual return of up to 13 percent per child through better outcomes in education, health, employment and social behavior in the decades that follow; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and other national organizations joined the National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers (NCIT), a project of the Pritzker Children’s Initiative (PCI), in a groundbreaking partnership to work with communities and states across the country to focus on early childhood development for young children from birth to three.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County does hereby proclaim the month of June 2019 as Prenatal to Age Three Investment Month in Palm Beach County.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 27th day of June, 2019.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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