

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hopkins County prides itself on giving back to the community, contributing to the quality of life among citizens; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among a variety of entities including but not limited to, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, child protective services, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), children's advocacy centers, prosecution agencies, medical professionals, mental health professionals, and other community-base non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in safe, nurturing environments as well as supporting local professionals dedicated to meeting the needs of child abuse victims; and

WHEREAS, The County of Hopkins, Texas urges all citizens to work together to reduce child abuse and neglect and to significantly improve the response of when child abuse occurs in the months and year ahead; and

WHEREAS, This effort will give abused and neglected children in our community and around the country, a chance for a safe and positive future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE HOPKINS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS do hereby proclaim the month of $\mathcal{A} p r i l$ 2023, to be CHILD AbUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Hopkins County, Texas and urge all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness and help reduce child abuse and neglect in years to come.

THEREFORE, I, COUNTY JUDGE ROBERT NEWSOM do hereby proclaim $\mathcal{A p r i l} 2023$ as NATIONAL CHILD AbUSE AWARENESS MONTH in Hopkins County and urge afl citizens to recognize the month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.


March 27, 2023


