

STATE of TEXAS  
COUNTY of HOPKINS



# PROCLAMATION

## CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

APRIL 2025

**WHEREAS**, In 2024 the Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center served 114 children that were victims, or possible victims, of child abuse or neglect in Hopkins County, and has served more than 11,800 child victims in Northeast Texas since 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2024 the Lake Country Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) who have advocated for the safety and well-being of 82 abused and neglected children; and

**WHEREAS**, Trauma from child abuse can result in long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects for victims; and

**WHEREAS**, Child abuse and neglect are a serious problem affection every facet of society and every part of our community and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Our children are our most precious gift and our greatest responsibility and will shape the future of our state and our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, We acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse, bring justice to victims, facilitate healing from trauma and ensure the well-being of children and families in a stable, nurturing environment for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Awareness and prevention programs are the most effective solution for children and families when a community works together toward a shared goal; and

**WHEREAS**, Impactful child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among local governments, schools, churches, law enforcement agencies, child welfare boards, child protective services, Court Appointed Special Advocates, child advocacy centers, prosecutors, medical professionals, mental health professionals, and other service-based, mission-focused organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, It is our duty and responsibility to ensure the well-being of the children and families in our community, and when we work together, children can have a safe, happy, and healthy future; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the COUNTY of HOPKINS, does hereby proclaim April 2025 as CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH and urges all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the mission of providing hope to families and improving the quality of life for all children.


  
County Judge Robert Newsom

  
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March 25, 2025