

**PROCLAMATION
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, children are a precious gift from God, and every child deserves a nurturing family and safe environment to grow into a healthy, productive member of the community; and

WHEREAS, children are our most valuable resource and will shape the future of Texas and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in Tarrant County, 5,332 children were confirmed as victims of child abuse or neglect in 2023; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between families, child welfare professionals, educators, healthcare professionals, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, all members of a community benefit from creating conditions that support strong and healthy families; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Tarrant County; and

FURTHER, we urge all citizens of Tarrant County to create a positive, healthy environment to bring about a brighter future for our children and to be aware of the signs of child abuse and act to protect the children of Tarrant County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this the 16th day of April 2024.