

**PROCLAMATION  
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

*WHEREAS, children are our future and our greatest resource; and*

*WHEREAS, every child deserves a nurturing family and safe environment to grow into a healthy, productive member of the community; and*

*WHEREAS, child abuse is one of our nation's most serious public health problems and threatens the safety of our community; and*

*WHEREAS, in Tarrant County, 5,506 children were confirmed as victims of child abuse or neglect in 2022; and finding solutions to prevent child abuse is a community responsibility that depends on the involvement of all citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention, investigation and treatment programs succeed because of partnerships among public and private agencies, schools, religious organizations, medical services and the business community.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Tarrant County; and*

*FURTHER, we urge all citizens to be aware of the signs of child abuse and to 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 18th day of April 2023.*