## JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



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**JOHNSON COUNTY** 

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**PROCLAMATION** 

## "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

WHEREAS, 1,780 cases of abuse were reported in Johnson County during 2015, and in 2016 there were 2,326 statewide intake hotline reports where a criminal offense had been alleged against a child that were processed at the Children's Advocacy Center using the new Statewide Intake Process, and 2,986 individual therapy sessions, 107 crisis intervention sessions were provided to child victims;

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

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention and service programs in Johnson County succeed because of partnerships among a variety of entities including but not limited to, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, child protective services, child welfare boards, rainbow rooms, prosecution agencies, medical professionals, mental health professionals, children's advocacy centers, crisis centers, CASA programs, and other community-based non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Everyone in the community should be aware of the prevalence of child abuse and understand that there are prevention programs available to help teach parents to raise their children in safe, nurturing environments as well as supporting local professionals dedicated to meeting the needs of child abuse victims;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I,** Roger Harmon, County Judge of Johnson County, and we the Commissioners of the four Precincts in Johnson County, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2017 as

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in Johnson County and urge all citizens to work together to reduce child abuse and neglect and to significantly improve the response of our community when child abuse occurs in the months and years ahead.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this the 27th day of March, 2017.

Roger Harmon, Johnson County Judge

Rick Bailey, Commissioner Pct. #1

Kenny Howell, Commissioner Pct. #2

Jerry D. Stringer, Commissioner Pct. #3

Larry Woolley, Commissioner Pct.#4

ATTEST: Hecky Ivey, County Clerk

Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention Month March 27, 2017

