

JOHNSON COUNTY **COMMISSIONERS COURT**



County Judge

Rick Bailey Commissioner Precinct 1

Kenny Howell Commissioner Precinct 2

Mike White Commissioner Precinct 3

Larry Woolley Commissioner Precinct 4

§ THE STATE OF TEXAS § § PROCLAMATION COUNTY OF JOHNSON

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

- WHEREAS, In 2023 there were 305,415 alleged child abuse victims in the state of Texas. There were 2,355 Intake Reports in Johnson County, 726 investigations currently open and 1,235 abuse or neglect completed investigations, there were 534 confirmed victims. Further, there were 209 children in conservatorship with CPS in 2023; and
- 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 communitybased non-profit organizations; and
- WHEREAS, Everyone in the community should be aware of the prevalence of child abuse and neglect, 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, Christopher Boedeker, County Judge of Johnson County, and we the Commissioners of the four Precincts in Johnson County, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2024, as:

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

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 or neglect 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 25th day of March, 2024.

Christopher Boedeker, Johnson County Judge

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ATTEST: April Long, County Clerk

