

JOHNSON COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS COURT

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THE STATE OF TEXAS \$ \$ PROCLAMATION COUNTY OF JOHNSON \$

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Children thrive in safe, stable, nurturing families, within their own Texas communities. While it is critical to build a system that supports families when they are in a crisis, intentionally supporting families before they are in crisis is essential to preventing the abuse and maltreatment of Texas children. Through establishing partnerships with families that capitalize on the collective strengths of parents and their children we can build strong, healthy families and resilient communities where children can thrive

WHEREAS, Sadly, child maltreatment is still a significant public health issue. Communities that lack accessible support and resources can experience increased risk factors that lead to child abuse and neglect. Despite the complex factors that can lead to child maltreatment, it can be prevented.

WHEREAS, Each year, the month of April is dedicated to recognizing the critical work being done across our great state to support families before a crisis occurs and offer them accessible lifelines that mitigate the challenges they face. Child abuse prevention occurs every day through the diligent work and tireless advocacy undertaken by Texas families, friends, neighbors, houses of faith, advocacy groups, nonprofit organizations, schools, health-care providers, social workers, and government agencies to support children and families in every community across the Lone Star State.

WHEREAS, Child abuse prevention cannot be tasked to one community, agency, or system. Behind many families that succeeded is a strong community that provided a way for the family to become self-sufficient, stable, and thrive. All Texans must work together to strengthen our communities and build localized supports that are accessible, contribute to the well-being of the entire community, and keep children and families safe and together. I encourage all Texans to learn more about the many aspects of our communities working hard to create positive, healthy environments for the future leaders of our great state and nation. Together, we can create a brighter future for children, families, and communities in Texas and ensure tomorrow's leaders have the support they need to thrive and reach their potential.

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, 2025, 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 24th day of March, 2025.

Christopher Boedeker, Johnson County Judge

Rick Bailey, Commissioner Pct. 1

Kenny Howell, Commissioner Pct. 2

Mike White, Commissioner Pct. 3

Larry Woolley, Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST: April Long, County Clerk

