



Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

The following is drafted from a statewide proclamation written by Governor Greg Abbot:

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, tireless advocacy, and simple acts of kindness 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.

Sadly, child maltreatment is still a significant public health issue. In 2023, 58,120 Texas children were confirmed to be victims of abuse or neglect with 173 cases resulting in death. Region 2 had 8,723 confirmed victims with 23 deaths. In Brown County, 573 children were confirmed to be victims of abuse or neglect with 1 case resulting in death.

Despite the complex factors that can lead to child maltreatment, it can be prevented.

Child abuse prevention cannot be tasked to one community, agency, or system. Behind many families that succeeded on their own is a strong community that provided a way for the family to meet their needs. 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 future leaders have the support they need to thrive and reach their potential.

Therefore, We, the Commissioners Court of Brown County, Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2024 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition of this, I hereby affix my signature this the 8th day of April 2024.

Shane Britton, Brown County Judge.

Gary Worley, Commissioner Pct. 1.

Joel Kelton, Commissioner Pct.2.

Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Pct.3.

Larry Traweck, Commissioner Pct.4.

Attest: _____

Sharon Ferguson, Brown County Clerk

April 8, 2024
(Exhibit #4)