

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Hopkins County prides itself on giving back to the community and contributing to the quality of life among our citizens; *and*

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

**WHEREAS,** Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among a variety of entities including but not limited to, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, child protective services, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), children's advocacy centers, prosecution agencies, medical professionals, mental health professionals, and other community-based non-profit organizations; *and*

**WHEREAS,** More than 109 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect were reported in Hopkins County in 2017; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in safe, nurturing environments as well as supporting local professionals dedicated to meeting the needs of child abuse victims; *and*

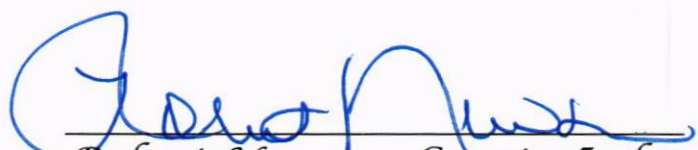
**WHEREAS,** The County of Hopkins, Texas urges all citizens to work together to reduce child abuse and neglect and to significantly improve the response of our community when child abuse occurs in the months and year ahead; *and*

**WHEREAS,** This effort will give abused and neglected children in our community and around the country, a chance for a safe and positive future; *and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, WE, The Hopkins County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2018 to be "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Hopkins County, Texas, and urge all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness and help reduce child abuse and neglect in years to come.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Texas, in SULPHUR SPRINGS, the County Seat, this the Ninth day of April in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.*



  
Robert Newsom, County Judge