



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Hopkins County prides itself on giving back to the community, contributing to the quality of life among 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-base non-profit organizations; *and*
- WHEREAS,** More than 65 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect were reported in Hopkins County in FY 2023; *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 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 2024, 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.*

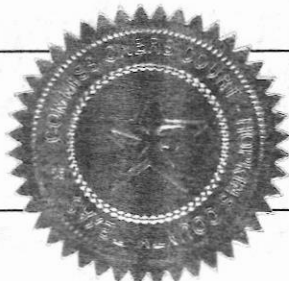
County Judge Robert Newsom

April 9, 2024

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