

*Tyler County Child Abuse Prevention Month
April 2017*

Proclamation

By County Judge Jacques L. Blanchette of Tyler County

WHEREAS: There were 289,334 reported cases of child abuse and neglect last year in Texas; and

WHEREAS: There were 298 children in Tyler County that were reported as abused or neglected last year; and

WHEREAS: There were 63 confirmed victims of child abuse or neglect last year in Tyler County; and

WHEREAS: Child abuse and neglect is a community problem affecting the current and future quality of life of a community; and

WHEREAS: Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends upon involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS: Communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families; and

WHEREAS: Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS: Everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and all citizens should become more involved in supporting families to provide safe, nurturing environments for their children, giving them the opportunity to grow up to be caring, contributing members of the community;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, County Judge Jacques L. Blanchette of Tyler County Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 to be **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Tyler County. I also proclaim that Sunday, April 30, 2017 to be "Blue Sunday" and in so doing; urge all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of preventing child abuse and showing support by wearing blue in support of the prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.*

County Judge Jacques L. Blanchette, Tyler County Texas