



TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

County Courthouse, Room 101 / Woodville, Texas

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County Judge

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2018 PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, There were **298,732 reported cases** of child abuse and neglect last year in Texas; and

WHEREAS, There were **172 child deaths** as a result of child abuse and neglect last year in Texas; and

WHEREAS, There were **327 children** in Tyler County that were reported as abused or neglected last year; and

WHEREAS, There were **176 investigations** of child abuse and neglect last year in Tyler County; and

WHEREAS, There were **18 investigations** of child abuse or neglect opened for services 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 2018 to be **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Tyler County. I also proclaim that Sunday, April 29, 2018 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.

JACQUES L. BLANCHETTE
COUNTY JUDGE, TYLER COUNTY, TX