

*Tyler County Child Abuse Prevention Month  
April 2021*

*Proclamation*

*By County Judge Jacques L. Blanchette of Tyler County*

*WHEREAS: There were 272,248 reports of child abuse or neglect last year in Texas; and*

*WHEREAS: There were 154,593 completed investigations of child abuse or neglect last year in Texas; and*

*WHEREAS: There were 235 child deaths as a result of child abuse or neglect last year in Texas; and*

*WHEREAS: There were 252 reports of child abuse or neglect last year in Tyler County; and*

*WHEREAS: There were 105 completed investigations of child abuse or neglect last year in Tyler County; and*

*WHEREAS: There were 47 confirmed victims of child abuse or neglect last year in Tyler County; and*

*WHEREAS: There were 14 children removed from their homes because 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 2021 to be **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Tyler County. I also proclaim that **Sunday, April 25, 2021** 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.*

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*County Judge Jacques L. Blanchette, Tyler County Texas*