

*Tyler County Child Abuse Prevention Month
April 2023*

Proclamation

By County Judge Milton Powers of Tyler County

WHEREAS: There were 310,582 reports of child abuse or neglect last year in Texas; and

WHEREAS: There were 9,965 children removed of child abuse or neglect last year in Texas; and

WHEREAS: There were 58,120 victims confirmed reports of child abuse or neglect last year in Texas; and

WHEREAS: There were 173 child deaths as a result of child abuse or neglect last year in Texas; and

WHEREAS: There were 267 reports of child abuse or neglect last year in Tyler County; and

WHEREAS: There were 41 confirmed victims of child abuse or neglect last year in Tyler County; and

WHEREAS: There were 13 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 Milton Powers of Tyler County Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 to be **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Tyler County. I also proclaim that **Sunday, April 28, 2024 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 Milton Powers, Tyler County Texas

