



TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

County Courthouse, Room 10 1 / Woodville, Texas

JOE BLACKSHER
Commissioner, Pct. 1

STEVAN STURROCK
Commissioner, Pct. 2

JACQUES L. BLANCHETTE
County Judge

MIKE MARSHALL
Commissioner, Pct. 3

CHARLES "BUCK" HUDSON
Commissioner, Pct. 4

Proclamation 2021: Tyler County Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, in Federal fiscal year 2020, the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services Confirmed **68,461** victims of child abuse or neglect, including **188** in Tyler county; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and shape our future; and child abuse and neglect and serious problems affecting every segment of our community and has long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims; additionally, the impact of abuse and neglect has long-term personal, economic and social costs; therefore, hurting the future of our community; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families; and

WHEREAS, finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community- and faith based organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies; and volunteers. Communities must make every effort to encourage volunteerism and promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families.

WHEREAS, Court Appointed Special Advocates® - CASA volunteers – are assigned by the court to speak up for a child's best interest and help ensure a child's voice is heard; Every child in foster care deserves a CASA volunteer, but roughly less than half the children in care do not have a CASA volunteer; and

WHEREAS, CASA of the Sabine Neches Region, Child Protective Services, Child Advocacy Centers, foster parents, teachers and others work to ensure that children in our community have a safe, happy future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, County Judge Jacques L. Blanchette, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as **CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH** in the County of Tyler, Texas and urge all Citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

ATTEST:


County Clerk

Jacques L. Blanchette
County Clerk