

***Tyler County Child Abuse Prevention Month
April 2023***

Proclamation

By County Judge Milton Powers of Tyler County

WHEREAS: *There were 310,848 reports of child abuse or neglect last year in Texas; and*

WHEREAS: *There were 166,187 completed investigations of child abuse or neglect last year in Texas; and*

WHEREAS: *There were 182 child deaths as a result of child abuse or neglect last year in Texas; and*

WHEREAS: *There were 302 reports of child abuse or neglect last year in Tyler County; and*

WHEREAS: *There were 170 completed investigations of child abuse or neglect last year in Tyler County; and*

WHEREAS: *There were 46 confirmed victims of child abuse or neglect last year in Tyler County; and*

WHEREAS: *There were 22 children removed from their homes because of child abuse or neglect last year in Tyler County; and*

WHEREAS: *There was 1 child death 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 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 30, 2023** 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