

Proclamation declaring April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

- Whereas* child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and
- Whereas* in Fiscal Year 2020, there were 68,461 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect, and 251 fatalities in the State of Texas; and
- Whereas* the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services conducted 8,387 investigations of child abuse and neglect in Hidalgo County in Fiscal Year 2020; and
- Whereas* of those cases investigated for abuse and neglect, a total of 1,923 were confirmed as victims of child abuse and neglect, including three child fatalities; 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 consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing and loving environment.

Now therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby declares April 2021 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Hidalgo County and urges all citizens to work together in order to significantly reduce neglect and child abuse in years to come.

Approved this 6th day of April, 2021.

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County Judge

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk