



## **Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month In Schertz, Texas - April 2026**

**Whereas**, more than 33,249 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas during fiscal year 2025; and

**Whereas**, there were 163 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in Guadalupe County in fiscal year 2025; and

**Whereas**, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

**Whereas**, communities must make every effort to promote and support programs that benefit children and their families; and

**Whereas**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among a variety of entities including but not limited to schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, child protective services, prosecution agencies, medical professionals, mental health professionals, SJRC Texas-Belong, the Guadalupe County Child Welfare Board, Children's Advocacy Centers, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Bikers Against Child Abuse, and other community-based non-profit organizations; and

**Whereas**, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in safe, nurturing environments as well as supporting local professionals dedicated to meeting the needs of child abuse victims; and

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved**, in official recognition, I Ralph Rodriguez, Mayor of the City of Schertz hereby proclaims

### **April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month**

in Schertz, Texas, and urge all citizens to work together to reduce child abuse and neglect and to significantly improve the response of our community when child abuse occurs in the months and years ahead.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of the City of Schertz to be affixed this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Ralph Rodriguez, Mayor