



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, During the month of April 2023, Williamson County will observe National Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month to raise awareness of child abuse and neglect within our county, and create strong communities to support the strengthening and healing of the abused children and their non-offending family members; and

WHEREAS, In calendar year 2022, Williamson County Children’s Advocacy Center reviewed 5,469 reports of alleged child abuse (4,891 in 2021), and conducted 779 forensic interviews (816 in 2021); and

WHEREAS, Working together to raise the awareness of child abuse and neglect, the “Go-Blue Committee,” which includes members of Bikers Against Child Abuse, CASA of Williamson County, Cedar Park Police Department, Georgetown Police Department, Round Rock Police Department, Round Rock ISD Police Department, Leander Police Department, The Georgetown Project, Williamson County Sheriff’s Office, Williamson County Juvenile Services, Starry, and Williamson County Children’s Advocacy Center, serves increasing numbers of abused and neglected children, as well as their non-offending family members, annually; and

WHEREAS, It is important to remember that all children are our future, and we must nurture and protect them, and provide a safe environment in which they can grow and prosper.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, hereby recognizes and proclaims April 2023 to be

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

in Williamson County, Texas, and urges all citizens to learn the signs of potential abuse and how you can do get involved in this important work at the website of the Williamson County Child Advocacy Center’s at wilcocac.org and work together to reduce the incidents child abuse and neglect in our community.

Signed on this date: _____

Bill Gravell, County Judge

On behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court