

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is necessary to build a robust family well-being system that not only supports families when they are in a crisis but is intentional in supporting families before they are in crisis. In Brazoria County, we believe that children thrive in safe, stable, nurturing families, within their own communities. Through establishing partnerships with families that capitalize on the collective strengths of parents and their children we can build strong, healthy families and resilient communities where children can thrive; and

WHEREAS, Sadly, child maltreatment is still a significant public health issue. Communities that lack accessible supports and resources can experience increased risk factors that lead to child abuse and neglect. Despite the complex factors that can lead to child maltreatment, it can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, each year, the month of April is dedicated to recognizing the critical work being done across our great county to support families before a crisis occurs and offer them accessible lifelines that mitigate the challenges they face. Child abuse prevention occurs every day through the diligent work, tireless advocacy, and simple acts of kindness undertaken by Brazoria County families, friends, neighbors, houses of faith, advocacy groups, nonprofit organizations, schools, health-care providers, social workers, and government agencies to support children and families in every community across Brazoria County; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse prevention cannot be tasked to one community, agency, or system. Behind many families that succeeded on their own is a strong community that provided a way for the family to meet their needs. All citizens of Brazoria County must work together to strengthen our communities and build localized supports that are accessible, contribute to the well-being of the entire community, and keep children and families safe and together. I encourage all citizens of Brazoria County to learn more about the many aspects of our communities working hard to create positive, healthy environments for the future leaders of our great county, state and nation. Together, we can create a brighter future for children, families, and communities in Brazoria County and ensure future leaders have the support they need to thrive and reach their potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Brazoria County does hereby proclaim the month of April 2024, as

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

in Brazoria County, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2024.

Brazoria County Judge

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