

On this the 25th day of March, 2019, the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas** convened in a regularly scheduled meeting with the following members thereof present:

Mark A. Henry, County Judge;
Darrell A. Apffel, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1;
Joe Giusti, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2;
Stephen D. Holmes, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3;
Kenneth Clark, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; and
Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to-wit:

WHEREAS, children are the embodiment of innocence and our hope for the future, and every child deserves to grow up in a nurturing environment, free from harm and fear. Sadly, however, child abuse is a reality, a problem we must relentlessly combat through awareness, education and action. To realize this truth, we must dedicate ourselves to the noble cause of protecting and caring for our children; and

WHEREAS, every responsible person will agree that even one abused child is one too many, but still our state's child protection caseloads are evidence of the shameful fact that child abuse is a widespread issue in Texas; and

WHEREAS, over 66,382 children were confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in Texas just last year, 712 of those children within our County; and

WHEREAS child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and

WHEREAS, when abuse or neglect occurs, we have a duty to report it to the appropriate authorities. All responsible citizens must do what is necessary to resolve this insidious issue; and

WHEREAS, there are many ways we can make a difference. Through education and awareness like parenting programs, programs that strengthen families, learning the signs of abuse, teaching young children about appropriate touches, sharing information with teens about healthy dating, offering a helping hand to stressed out/fatigued parents, reporting suspected abuse, all these initiatives, discourage child abuse; and

WHEREAS, to significantly impact Child Abuse, partnerships must be established between citizens, agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement, and business communities to work together and make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and strengthen families. Strong communities that are supportive of families play a role in promoting child and family well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas does hereby proclaim **April**, as **Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month** in Galveston County, and encourage all citizens to join us in renewing our commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect and to promote the safety and well-being of our county's children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is spread upon the minutes of this Court and an Original hereof be furnished to the **Children's Services Board of Galveston County**.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED the above Resolution was unanimously passed on this 25th day of March 2019.

Attest:

County of Galveston, Texas

By:

Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

Mark A. Henry, County Judge

Darrell A. Apffel, Comm., Pct. #1

Stephen D. Holmes, Comm., Pct. #3

Joe Giusti, Comm., Pct. #2

Kenneth Clark, Comm., Pct. #4