

Proclamation

Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month
In Santa Clara, Texas - April 2025

Whereas, more than 53,851 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas during 2024; and

Whereas, there were 253 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in Guadalupe County in 2024; and

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

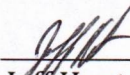
Whereas, communities must make every effort to promote and support programs that benefit children and their families; and

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

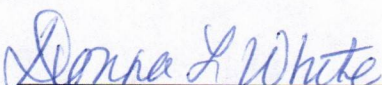
Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, in official recognition, the City of Santa Clara hereby proclaims April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month in Santa Clara, Texas, and urge all citizens to work together to reduce child abuse and neglect and to significantly improve the response of our community when child abuse occurs in the months and years ahead.

In Witness Whereof, we have here unto set our hand this 24th day of March 2025



Jeff Hunt, Mayor

Attest:



Donna L. White, City Secretary

