

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there were 176 child abuse and neglect investigations in Panola County during 2015. There were 15 confirmed victims of physical abuse, 10 victims of sexual abuse, 8 victims of physical neglect, and 80 victims of neglectful supervision in Panola County during 2015. There was an average of 23 children in foster care in Panola County during 2015; and there were 26 children removed from their homes during 2015.

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 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, children’s advocacy centers and other community-based non profit organizations; and

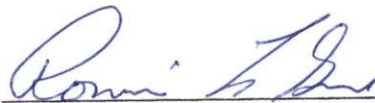
WHEREAS, “Children are our Future” and everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment as well as supporting local professionals dedicated to meeting the needs of child abuse victims;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners’ Court of Panola County, Texas does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2016

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

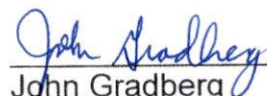
in Panola County, and urges all citizens to join with the Rusk-Panola Children’s Advocacy Center, and the Panola County Department of Protective and Family Services to help prevent these cases of child abuse.

Dated this 28th day of March, 2016.




Ronnie LaGrone
Commissioner, Precinct 1


Absent


Lee Ann Jones, County Judge



John Gradberg
Commissioner, Precinct 2



Frank R. Langley, Jr.
Commissioner, Precinct 3



Dale LaGrone
Commissioner, Precinct 4


ATTEST:


Bobbie Davis, County Clerk