

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there were 174 child abuse and neglect investigations in Panola County during 2016. There were 10 confirmed victims of physical abuse, 12 victims of sexual abuse, 4 victims of physical neglect, 1 victim of sex trafficking, and 77 victims of neglectful supervision in Panola County during 2016. There was an average of 46 children in foster care in Panola County during 2016; and there were 40 children removed from their homes during 2016

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

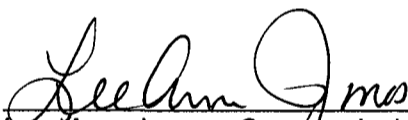
WHEREAS, "Children are our Future" and everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment as well as supporting local professionals dedicated to meeting the needs of child abuse victims;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners' Court of Panola County, Texas does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2017

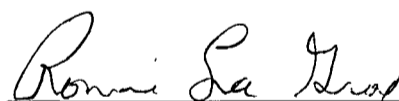
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in Panola County, and urges all citizens to join with the Rusk-Panola Children's Advocacy Center, and the Panola County Department of Protective and Family Services to help prevent these cases of child abuse.

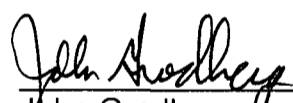
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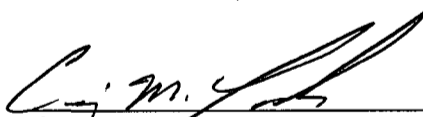
Lee Ann Jones, County Judge



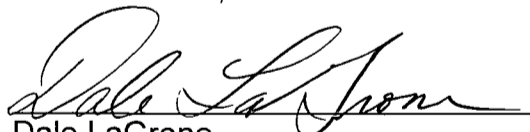
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Commissioner, Precinct 1



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Commissioner, Precinct 2

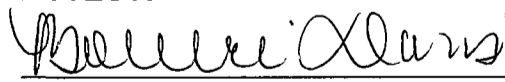


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Commissioner, Precinct 3



Dale LaGrone
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:



Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

