

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, there were 121 child abuse and neglect investigations in Panola County during 2019. There were 67 confirmed victims. There was an average of 22 children removed from their homes during 2019.

**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, 2020


## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

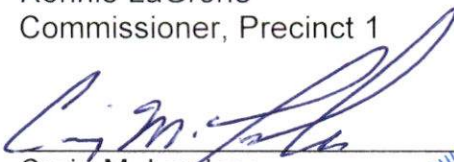
in Panola County, and urges all citizens to join with the Rusk-Panola Children's Advocacy Center, and the Panola County Department of Protective and Family Services to help prevent these cases of child abuse.


Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
Lee Ann Jones, County Judge

  
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Commissioner, Precinct 1

  
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Commissioner, Precinct 4

**ATTEST:**

  
Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

