

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there were 159 child abuse and neglect investigations in Panola County during 2023. There were 71 confirmed victims. There was an average of 12 children removed from their homes. and 1 death reported during 2023.

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. Communities that lack accessible support and resources can experience increased risk factors that lead to child abuse and neglect; 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;

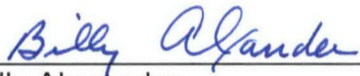
NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners' Court of Panola County, Texas does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2024

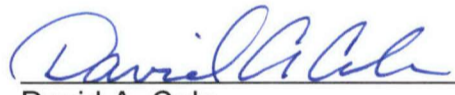
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

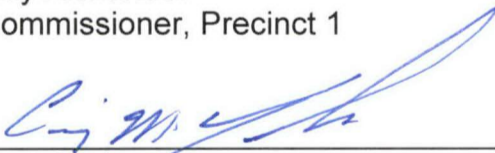
in Panola County, and urges all citizens to join with the Rusk-Panola Children's Advocacy Center, and the Panola County Department of Protective and Family Services to help prevent these cases of child abuse.


Dated this 26th day of March, 2024.


Rodger G. McLane, County Judge


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Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

