

**PROCLAMATION
APRIL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, there were 136,650 completed investigations of child abuse and neglect in Texas during 2025; and 51,985 confirmed victims in Texas and there were 97 completed investigations of child abuse and neglect in Panola County and 58 confirmed victims in Panola County.

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

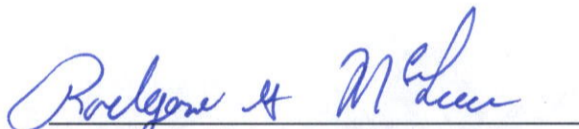
WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among a variety of entities including but not limited to schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, child protective services, prosecution agencies, medical professionals, mental health professionals, children's advocacy centers 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


WHEREAS, all citizens of Panola County are urged to join with the Rusk-Panola Children's Advocacy Center, the Panola County Child Welfare Board, and the Panola County Department of Family and Protective Services, to help prevent these cases of child abuse; and

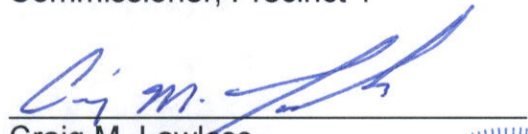
NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners' Court of Panola County, Texas does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2026 Child Abuse Awareness Month. Panola County urges all citizens to work together to reduce child abuse and neglect and to significantly improve the response of our community when child abuse occurs in the months and years ahead.


Dated this 7th day of April, 2026. .


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