

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Proclamation 2022-01

WHEREAS, Children are Upshur County's next generation of leaders and our brightest rays of hope for the future. Child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of long-term physical and mental health problems, alcohol and substance abuse, and criminal behavior. Child maltreatment is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community. It is a time to focus on ways not only to protect children to prevent abuse from ever occurring and this is our opportunity to make a difference in young lives.

WHEREAS, In Texas, more than 4 children die from abuse and neglect on average every week; 184 children are confirmed victims daily, and more than 7 children are maltreated every hour; and,

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2021, In the State of Texas there were 157,519 completed investigations of which 292 were Upshur County children. There were 68,517 Confirmed Victims of abuse/neglect of which there were 129 Upshur County children and of these 16,028 were children removed from their homes in Texas, with 55 children from Upshur County.

WHEREAS, by strengthening families and providing safe, stable, and nurturing environments that are free from violence, abuse, neglect, opportunities are created for children's optimal growth and success, ensuring a secure future for our communities, where the needs of children are a priority and the needs of the families are met.

WHEREAS, each year, the month of April is dedicated to raising awareness of child abuse and promoting the safety and well-being of all children. Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civil organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community.

WHEREAS, We the Upshur County Children's Protection Board and Department of Family and Protective Services of Upshur County respectfully ask the Court to be allowed to have an event on April 28, 2022 from 10am to 2 pm on the Courthouse lawn, we ask to put pinwheels on the Courthouse lawn to represent each child in our care, as well as allowing speakers, performers and food.

AT THIS TIME, We encourage all citizens, community agencies, faith organizations, and businesses of Upshur County to join us in renewing our commitment to preventing child abuse, to learn the signs of abuse and honor our duty to report any suspicion of abuse. Together we can make a difference in the lives of our children.

NOW THEREFORE, We Todd Tefteller, County Judge of Upshur County, Texas and the County Commissioners of Upshur County, TX do hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Upshur County, and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect in years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Upshur County to be affixed this the 31ST day of March 2022.



TODD TEFTELLER, Upshur County Judge

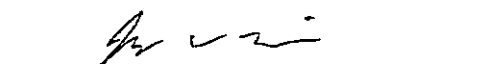


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