



Proclamation: Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month, April 2023

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the Upshur County; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

WHEREAS, Upshur County, Upshur County Criminal District Attorney's office, The Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center, Child Protective Services, Bikers against Child Abuse (BACA), CASA, foster parents, counselors, mental health providers, teachers, law enforcement and others work to ensure that children in our community have a safe, happy future.

WHEREAS, in March 2023, the Northeast Texas Child Advocacy center will commemorate its 25th anniversary serving children and families in Northeast Texas since 1998; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 the Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center exceeded interview of more than 10, 800 children that were Victims or possible Victim of child abuse or neglect and

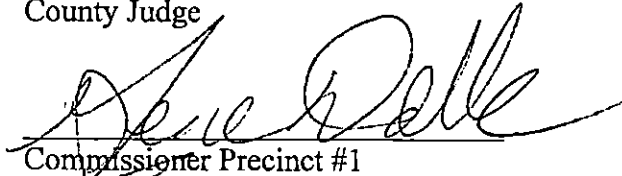
NOW, THEREFORE,
WE, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

OF UPSHUR COUNTY do hereby proclaim April 2023 as
NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Upshur County, Texas and urge all
citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of
life for all children and families.

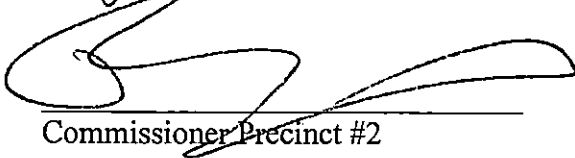
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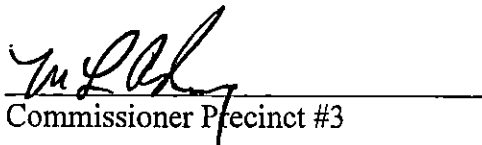
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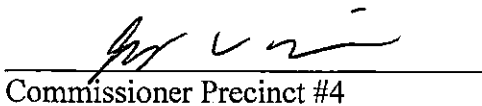
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