

Proclamation Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month

Upshur County: April 2025

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

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

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims; 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 meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, government, and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs 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 wellbeing of children and families in a safe, stable and nurturing environment; and

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

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families and prevent child abuse and neglect; and

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



NOW THEREFORE,

We the Commissioners Court of Upshur County do hereby proclaim April 2025 as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Upshur County, Texas and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improve the quality of life for all children and families.

Signed

County Judge

Commissioner Precinct #1

Commissioner Precinct #2

Commissioner Precinct #3

Commissioner Precinct #4