



Special Recognition

WHEREAS: The South Plains Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention in collaboration with Covenant Children's Hospital, are hosting a kick-off and conference to bring together agencies, healthcare providers, law enforcement and concerned individuals to create awareness, provide education, and initiate efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect; and,

WHEREAS: Every day in Lubbock County, an average of almost three children become victims of abuse and neglect, and the majority of these children are only five years of age or younger; and,

WHEREAS: April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month, and the South Plains Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention is hosting for the 10th year, GO BLUE LUBBOCK to have Lubbock County residents wear blue during the month of April, in order to bring attention to the over 700 Lubbock County children who were confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect last year through investigation, including 4 children in Lubbock County who died as a result of child abuse; and,

WHEREAS: It is fitting to recognize and support the South Plains Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention for their efforts to educate the public and to bring attention to the problem of child abuse and neglect in our city,

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Commissioner's Court of the great County of Lubbock do hereby recognize April 2023 as

Child Abuse Awareness Month

in Lubbock County and encourage all citizens to support this important initiative by wearing blue during the month of April.

Dated this _____th day March 2023

Terence Kovar, Precinct 1

Jason Corley, Precinct 2

Gilbert A. Flores, Precinct 3

Jordan Rackler, Precinct 4

Curtis Parrish, County Judge