



Special Recognition

WHEREAS: *The South Plains Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention in collaboration with the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce are hosting a kick-off event to bring together social service agencies serving families, healthcare providers, law enforcement, city and county officials, educators and concerned citizens to create awareness, provide education, and initiate efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect; and,*

WHEREAS: *Every day in Lubbock County, children become confirmed by investigation as victims of abuse and neglect, in the last ten years those victims have averaged over 1,000 children annually and the majority of these children were 5 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 11th year, GO BLUE LUBBOCK COUNTY to have Lubbock County residents wear blue during the month of April in order to bring attention to the Lubbock County children being confirmed as victims of child abuse and neglect last year through investigation, including children 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 County,*

NOW, THEREFORE, *we the Lubbock County Commissioners Court do hereby recognize April 2024 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 helping to bring awareness and education to this important issue.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2024

Terence Kovar, Precinct 1

Jason Corley, Precinct 2

Gilbert A. Flores, Precinct 3

Jordan Rackler, Precinct 4

Curtis Parrish, County Judge