

# 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 **more than 9,700 children have been affected including 22 fatalities** 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 **12th** 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 2025 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 \_\_\_\_\_2025*

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Mike Dalby, Precinct 1

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Jason Corley, Precinct 2

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Cary W. Shaw, Precinct 3

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Jordan Rackler, Precinct 4

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Curtis Parrish, County Judge