PROCLAMATION

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 2025

WHEREAS, our children represent our greatest hope for the future and Montague County remains steadfast in its commitment to the safety and security of our children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, of paramount concern to all are the problems of child abuse, neglect and maltreatment, which endanger vulnerable young lives and cause long-lasting damage to a child's physical, emotional and cognitive well-being; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of child abuse, neglect and maltreatment requires strong partnerships and cooperation among individual citizens, organizations, law enforcement and government agencies at the community, state and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, there are education and prevention programs that address all categories of child abuse and people in communities across Montague County are encouraged to support such efforts that promote a safe and nurturing environment for children and families; and

WHEREAS, citizens should be vigilant and fervent in their efforts to stop child abuse and are asked to call the State Hotline for Child Abuse at 1-800-252-5400 to report suspected abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, Montague County does not tolerate acts of violence against children; all citizens are reminded of the many forms of abuse that occur in our society, with greatest concern for the threat of harm to our precious children;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Commissioners of Montague County, Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH – IN MONTAGUE COUNTY C

Signed on this the <u>24th</u> day of March, 2025

Kevin Benton, County Judge

Roy Darden, Commissioner, Pct. #1

Mark Murphey, Commissioner, R

Kim Jønes, County Clerk

ATTESZ

Mike Mayfield, Commissioner, Pct. #2

Bob Langford, Commissioner, Pct. #4