



WHEREAS, in McKinney, Texas, we believe that children thrive in safe, stable, nurturing families, within their own communities - it is necessary to build well-being systems that respond to crisis and are also intentional about supporting families before they are in crisis; and

WHEREAS, sadly, child maltreatment is still a significant public health issue, and communities lacking accessible supports and resources can experience increased risk factors leading to child abuse and neglect. Despite its complexities, however, child maltreatment can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention occurs every day through the diligent work, tireless advocacy, and simple acts of kindness undertaken by families, friends, neighbors, houses of faith, advocacy groups, nonprofit organizations, schools, health-care providers, social workers, and government agencies to support children and families; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is not the duty of simply one community, agency, or system. Behind many families that overcome challenges, there is a strong community providing a way forward and helping to meet needs; and

WHEREAS, each year the month of April is recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and agencies such as the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services provides child abuse prevention resources to support children and their families where they live, work and play. It also encourages everyone to wear blue on *Go Blue Day*, which is Friday, April 5, in support of Child Abuse awareness and prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE C. FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024, AS

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS, ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION, BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED, AND SHOW SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELP BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES BY SERVING THE WELL-BEING AND SAFETY OF CHILDREN. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 2ND DAY OF APRIL, 2024.

GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary