



LINA HIDALGO

March 23, 2021

AGENDA LETTER

Commissioners Court
1001 Preston Street, 9th Floor
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Commissioners:

The following item is recommended for the March 30, 2021 Commissioners Court agenda:

Request for approval of a Resolution designating the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Harris County.

Sincerely,

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Lina Hidalgo
County Judge

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Resolution

WHEREAS, April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness and provide resources for communities to ensure children are safe and strengthen families; and

WHEREAS, children are one of the greatest resources in Texas, making up approximately 26% of the state's population; and

WHEREAS, research shows that children who experience trauma, such as child abuse or neglect, are at greater risk of experiencing an array of social and economic hardships later in life and often develop emotional and behavioral problems, do poorly in school, and are more likely to enter the criminal justice system than their non-abused peers; and

WHEREAS, community-based programs focusing on prevention are essential to reducing rates of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Abuse Hotline by the Department of Family and Protective Services, is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, nationwide as a resource for reporting suspicions of abuse and provides training and resources for more information about reporting abuse; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, Harris County Attorney Christian Menefee, The Children's Assessment Center, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and Harris County Resources for Children and Adults, and various community partners will join forces to raise awareness of child abuse: now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Harris County Commissioners Court hereby designates the month of April 2021 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Harris County, Texas.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of Commissioners Court this 30th day of March 2021.

LINA HIDALGO, County Judge

RODNEY ELLIS, Commissioner
Precinct One

ADRIAN GARCIA, Commissioner
Precinct Two

TOM S. RAMSEY, P.E., Commissioner
Precinct Three

R. JACK CAGLE, Commissioner
Precinct Four

ATTEST:

Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk
Harris County, Texas