

STATE of TEXAS
COUNTY of RAINS



PROCLAMATION

Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month, April 2026

Whereas in 2025 the Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center served 45 children that were victims, or possible victims, of child abuse or neglect in Rains County, and has served more than 11,800 child victims in Northeast Texas since 1998;

Whereas in 2025 the Lake Country Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) advocated for the safety and well-being of 83 children who have experienced abuse or neglect;

Whereas trauma from child abuse can result in long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects for victims;

Whereas child abuse and neglect are a serious problem affecting every facet of society and every part of our community and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone;

Whereas protective factors are conditions that reduce risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children;

Whereas our children are our most precious gift and our greatest responsibility and will shape the future of our state and our nation;

Whereas we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse, bring justice to victims, facilitate healing from trauma, and ensure the well-being of children and families in a stable, nurturing environment for future generations;

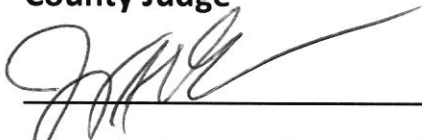
Whereas awareness and prevention programs are the most effective solution for children and families when a community works together toward a shared goal;

Whereas impactful child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among local governments, schools, churches, law enforcement agencies, child welfare boards, child protective services, Court Appointed Special Advocates, child advocacy centers, prosecutors, medical professionals, mental health professionals, and other service-based, mission-focused organizations; and

Whereas it is our duty and responsibility to ensure the well-being of the children and families in our community, and when we work together, children can have a safe, happy, and healthy future; *now therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, that the COUNTY of RAINS, does hereby proclaim April 2026 as CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH and urges all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the mission of providing hope to families and improving the quality of life for all children.

County Judge



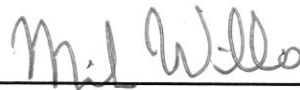
Commissioner – Precinct 1



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