



Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, in Texas a child is abused or neglected every eight minutes, and last year 151 Texas children, including four in Collin County, died from such crimes, and

WHEREAS, last year more than 254,000 children across Texas, including 4,884 from Collin County, were reported as abused or neglected, and

WHEREAS, child abuse victims suffer a greater risk of delinquency, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, low academic achievement, mental health problems and becoming abusers themselves, perpetuating this cycle of violence from generation to generation, and

WHEREAS, it is the irrefutable moral and social duty of every citizen to protect our children from the crimes of abuse, and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse treatment and prevention programs are community efforts through caring individuals within our social service agencies, schools, faith organizations, law enforcement, business community and residential neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, collaborative organizations such as the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County, CASA of Collin County and Family Compass are leading the way toward a safer community for all children, especially those whose young lives have been marked by abuse or neglect;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Collin County Commissioners court, do hereby proclaim April 2015 to be **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in Collin County, and urge all citizens to work together to significantly reduce child abuse and neglect in years to come.

Keith Self, County Judge

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4