



Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, in Texas a child is abused or neglected every eight minutes, and last year 171 Texas children, including one in Collin County, died from such crimes, and

WHEREAS, last year more than 290,000 children across Texas, including 4,779 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, child abuse prevention is everyone's responsibility, and

WHEREAS, every community must promote and provide programs that benefit children and their families, and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse treatment and prevention programs succeed through public-private partnerships between social service agencies, schools, faith organizations, law enforcement and the business community, and

WHEREAS, collaborative organizations such as the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County 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 the month of April 2016 to be **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in Collin County, and urge all citizens to work together to reduce child abuse and neglect significantly 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