

WHEREAS, more than 42,717 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in 2020 resulting in 16,522 children in foster care in Texas from the previous year, and the death of 215 children in Texas in 2020; and

WHEREAS, 404 children were confirmed victims of abuse in Hays County; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and 2020 was an especially trying time for children who are unsafe in their homes. Through the perseverance of our many community organizations working daily to end child abuse, we continually served children throughout the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, locally, representatives from Hays County Child Protective Board, Hays County District Attorney's Office, Hays-Caldwell Women's Center and Roxanne's House, Greater San Marcos Youth Council, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), San Marcos, Buda and Kyle Police Departments, Hays County Sheriff's Office, and Christus Santa Rosa- San Marcos have joined forces to provide preventive and supportive services to child victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, every child in Kyle deserves to be safe, nurtured and supported in caring relationships;

NOW THEREFORE I, Travis Mitchell, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Kyle, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as, as

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH"

and do hereby call upon the citizens of Kyle to work together to raise awareness and prevent child abuse in our community and beyond.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Kyle, Texas, this 6th day of April, 2021.

Travis	Mitchell, N	Mayor