

PROCLAMATION

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH – APRIL 2025

WHEREAS, children are our nation’s most vulnerable members as well as our nation’s most valuable resources, helping to shape the future of Texas; and

WHEREAS, positive childhood experiences (PCES) – like loving caregivers and safe, stable and nurturing relationships-can help mitigate trauma and the negative impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACES) to promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma can have long-term psychological, emotional and physical effects throughout an individual’s lifetime and impact future generations of their family; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, is a serious problem affecting every community in the U.S., and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, prevention is possible because of the partnerships created between Texas families, prevention advocates, child welfare professionals, education, health, community, and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and local, state and national governments; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that in order to solve the public health crisis of abuse and neglect we must work together to change hearts and mindsets through story-telling and sharing, center the needs of families, break down bias and barriers, and inspire action from expected and unexpected partners in prevention; and

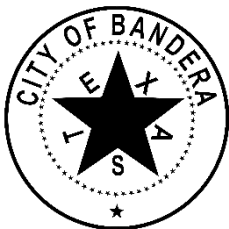
WHEREAS, we are committed to advancing equitable, responsive and effective systems that ensure all children and families are healthy and thriving; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the need to prioritize kids and invest in more prevention initiatives like home visiting and family-strengthening policies, economic supports, and community-based child abuse prevention programs at the national, state and local levels; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Denise Griffin, Mayor of Bandera, do hereby proclaim April as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH and urge all citizens to recognize this month by building a narrative of hope for children and families through collaboration and the creation of an ecosystem of primary prevention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, and of the City of Bandera in the state of Texas.

Signature of:



Denise Griffin, Mayor

Attest:

Jill Shelton, City Secretary