



**PROCLAMATION
OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS
PROCLAIMING APRIL 2021 AS**

“Child Abuse Prevention Month”

WHEREAS, in Federal Fiscal Year 2019, 4.4 million reports were made to child protective services; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the City of Dripping Springs; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

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

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas that:

1. April 2021 shall be recognized as “Child Abuse Prevention Month”.
2. The City Council calls upon the citizens of Dripping Springs to work together to raise awareness and prevent child abuse in our community and beyond.

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor