



**PROCLAMATION
OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS
PROCLAIMING THE Month of April 2022, AS**

“Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month”

WHEREAS, more than 68,461 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in 2021 resulting in 16,629 children in foster care in Texas, and the death of 199 children in Texas in 2021; and

WHEREAS, 537 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 2021 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 Dripping Springs deserves to be safe, nurtured and supported in caring relationships; and

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

1. That the month of April 2022, be proclaimed as “Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month,” in the City of Dripping Springs.
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