



Proclamation

DECLARING APRIL 2023 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, children are our future and our greatest resource; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves a nurturing family and safe environment to grow into a healthy, productive member of the community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is one of our nation's most serious public health problems and threatens the safety of our community; and

WHEREAS, in Tarrant County, 5,506 children were confirmed as victims of child abuse or neglect in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Alliance For Children provided trauma-informed services to 2,434 children in 2022;

WHEREAS, finding solutions to prevent child abuse is a community responsibility and depends on the involvement of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention, investigation and treatment programs succeed because of partnerships among public and private agencies, schools, religious organizations, medical services, and the business community.

BE IT PROCLAIMED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF EVERMAN, that we proclaim April 2023 as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in the City of Everman. We urge all citizens to work together to recognize and support this tremendous community need.

Ray Richardson, Mayor

Date of Enactment