

Montgomery City Council  
**AGENDA REPORT**

<b>Meeting Date: April 27, 2021</b>	<b>Budgeted Amount: N/A</b>
<b>Prepared By: Richard Tramm</b>	<b>Exhibits: Proclamation</b>

**Subject**

Consideration and possible action to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming April 2021 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Montgomery, Texas.

**Description**

Please see the attached proclamation.

**Recommendation**

Consider approval of the proclamation to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming April 2021 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Montgomery, Texas.

**Approved By**

City Administrator	Richard Tramm <i>RT</i>	Date: 04/22/2021
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## ***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS**, in Texas, more than 4 children die from abuse or neglect on average every week, 184 children are confirmed victims daily, and more than 7 children are maltreated every hour; and

**WHEREAS**, in Montgomery county last year we had 826 confirmed victims of abuse, 5 child fatalities, and 524 children in the care of Child Protective Services.

**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 State of Texas as well as the great City of Montgomery; 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, pro-active non-profits 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, I**, Mayor of the City of Montgomery, Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as **NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in City of Montgomery, Texas and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

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Mayor Sara Countryman

ATTEST:

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Susan Hensley, City Secretary