



Proclamation

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service organizations, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

WHEREAS, Prevention remains the best defense for our children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Hyman, Mayor of Mount Vernon, Texas, do hereby proclaim April, 2024, to be:

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

in Mount Vernon, 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.

I HEREBY AFFIX THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, TEXAS

MAYOR BRAD HYMAN

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