



STATE OF TEXAS
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Children thrive in safe, stable, nurturing families. By establishing partnerships that fortify the bonds between parents and children, Texas can build strong, healthy families and resilient, thriving communities. Sadly, child abuse remains a significant public health issue, but we will continue to identify the risk factors that lead to child abuse and neglect, and by so doing, we will ensure that our children are safe and secure.

Each year, the month of April is set aside in order to recognize the dedicated professionals across our great state who meet families upstream—before a crisis occurs—and offer them accessible lifelines that mitigate their challenges. A collaborative, multifaceted endeavor, child abuse prevention involves the diligent work of Texas families, friends, neighbors, houses of faith, advocacy groups, nonprofit organizations, schools, health care providers, social workers, and government agencies. Guided by a desire to right the wrongs of this world, these compassionate Texans support children and families in every community across the Lone Star State on a daily basis.

Ultimately, child abuse prevention cannot be relegated to a single community, agency, or system. We each have a role to play as we work together to protect the most vulnerable among us. Behind many healthy, successful families is a strong community that enabled them to meet their own needs, and we must work together to strengthen our communities and build accessible, localized support systems. These systems, in turn, contribute to the well-being of the entire community by keeping children safe and families whole.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the many ongoing efforts to create positive, healthy environments for the children of our great state and nation. Together, we can bring about a better, brighter future for children, families, and communities in Texas so that tomorrow's leaders can thrive and reach their full potential.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2023 to be

Child Abuse Prevention Month



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this
2nd day of March, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Governor of Texas