

***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, 5,842 children were confirmed as victims of child abuse or neglect in 2018; and***

***WHEREAS, Alliance for Children provided trauma-informed services to 2,510 children in 2018;***

***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.***

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron Jensen, Mayor of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as***

***Child Abuse Prevention Month***

***in the City of Grand Prairie, Texas and urge all citizens to work together to help significantly reduce child abuse and neglect in the years to come.***

***WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2019.***

  
***Ron Jensen***  
***Mayor***

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