



PROCLAMATION

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH 2017

WHEREAS, every child is precious and deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe, nurturing environment free from the threat of danger and harmful effects of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Texas children are our future and child abuse is one of our state's most complex and ongoing problems and whenever one child is abused or neglected, all Texans suffer; and

WHEREAS, more than 300,000 children in Texas were alleged victims of child abuse in 2016 with 75 confirmed cases being in Clay County; and

WHEREAS, local children's organizations as well as individuals and other interested organizations have come together to develop a program of prevention and awareness through contact with parents, teachers, caregivers, and children to help the community find solutions to this problem; and

WHEREAS, this month we emphasize the importance of understanding the devastating problem of child abuse and neglect, and the importance of all residents of Clay County to be involved in the protection of our children and supporting parents in raising and nurturing their children in their own homes; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Commissioners' Court of Clay County, Texas, does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2017

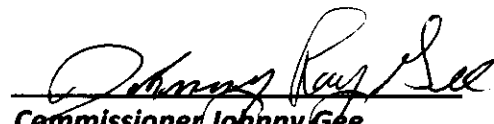
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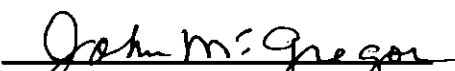
AND encourages all citizens of Clay County to stand united against child abuse and neglect and to join in dedicating their energies to cherishing Clay County's children and helping them grow, free from neglect, physical, emotional and sexual abuse.

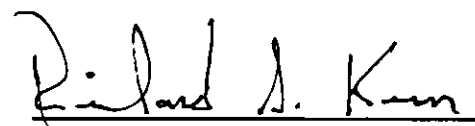
Signed this 24th day of April, 2017, in Clay County, Texas, by:


Kenneth Liggett
County Judge


Commissioner Richard Lowery
Precinct 1


Commissioner Johnny Gee
Precinct 2


Commissioner John McGregor
Precinct 3


Commissioner Richard Keen
Precinct 4