



**Proclamation**  
**Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month**  
**April 2025**

**WHEREAS**, in Federal fiscal year 2024, the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services confirmed 54,207 victims of child abuse or neglect, including 47 in Llano County; and

**WHEREAS**, Hill Country Children's Advocacy Center interviewed 57 Llano County children for abuse in 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, currently there are 17 open court cases involving 25 Llano County children as of this day; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect are a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims, their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of abuse and neglect has long-term personal, economic and social costs; therefore, hurting Texas' future; 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 meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, and law enforcement agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, 7,457 CASA volunteers spoke up for the best interest of 18,208 children in Texas last year; and

**WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Llano County is fortunate to have the caring members of the Llano County Child Welfare board who work toward improving the quality of lives of victims of child abuse; 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, nurturing environment; and

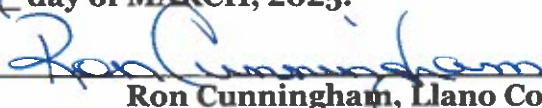
**WHEREAS**, prevention remains the best defense for children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, Llano County Child Welfare Board, Child Protective Services, Child Advocacy Centers, foster parents, teachers and others work to ensure that children in our community have a safe, happy future; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2025 is "Go Blue Day" to support Child Abuse Awareness by wearing blue;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, Llano County Commissioners Court, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Llano, Texas, Llano County, 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 and by showing support on April 2, 2025 by wearing blue.

Signed on this 24 day of MARCH, 2025.

  
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Ron Cunningham, Llano County Judge

  
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Peter Jones, Commissioner Pct 1

  
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Brent Richards, Commissioner Pct 3

  
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Linda Raschke, Commissioner Pct 2

  
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Jerry Don Moss, Commissioner Pct 4

Attest:   
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Cecilia McClintock, County Clerk