

## *PROCLAMATION*

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

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect not only directly harms children, but also increases the likelihood of long-term physical and mental health problems, alcohol and substance abuse, continued family violence and criminal behavior; and

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

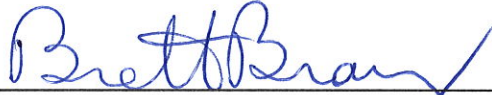
**WHEREAS**, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and


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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Brett Bray, County Judge of Blanco County, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Blanco County, and call upon all Blanco County citizens, community agencies, faith groups, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE, THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2021.**

  
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**BRETT BRAY**  
**BLANCO COUNTY JUDGE**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**LAURA WALLA**  
**BLANCO COUNTY CLERK**

