

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 the Mineola and Wood County communities; and

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

WHEREAS protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of our 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 communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families; 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 our children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Kevin White do hereby proclaim

April, 2021

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

In Mineola, Texas 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.

Signed and so proclaimed this 22nd day of March, 2021

Mayor - City of Mineola, Texas

Secretary City of Mineola, Texas