

WHEREAS, more than 5,689 cases of child abuse or neglect were reported and 14 child deaths were attributed to abuse or neglect in Tarrant County in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Alliance For Children provided child-focused services to 2,016 children in 2013; which includes children in the Mansfield and Arlington communities; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

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

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mansfield is grateful to the Alliance For Children for its 20-plus years serving as Tarrant County's children's advocacy center;

NOW THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council, to hereby proclaim the month of April 2014 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Mansfield and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 14th day of April, 2014.