

WHEREAS, children are our future and every child deserves a nurturing family and safe environment to grow into a healthy, productive member of the community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is one of our nation's most serious public health problems and threatens the safety of our community; and

WHEREAS, in Tarrant County, 5,506 children were confirmed as victims of child abuse or neglect in 2022; and

WHEREAS, finding solutions to prevent child abuse is a community responsibility and depends on the involvement of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention, investigation and treatment programs succeed because of partnerships among public and private agencies, schools, religious organizations, medical services, and the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Evans, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with the members of the City Council to hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Mansfield, Texas and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in the years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield, Texas, to be affixed this 10th day of April, 2023.