

**WHEREAS**, 175,421 investigations regarding reports of child abuse or neglect were reported in Texas in 2011, with 17,397 of those being reported in Tarrant County; and

**WHEREAS**, Alliance For Children provided child-focused services to 2,292 children in 2011; which includes 483 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**, we congratulate the Alliance For Children for its 20 year anniversary 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, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2012 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2012.