



## Proclamation of the Commissioner's Court of Stephens County Declaring the Month of April Child Abuse Prevention Month

The children of Stephens County are part of our community's treasure. Regrettably, children in our community are the victims of abuse and neglect, and today, this court and our community stand united against this evil and we stand for our children.

Each year, the month of April is set aside in order to recognize the dedicated professionals across our great state who meet families upstream before a crisis occurs and offer them accessible lifelines that mitigate their challenges. A collaborative, multifaceted endeavor, child abuse prevention involves the diligent work of our community's families, friends, neighbors, houses of faith, advocacy groups, nonprofit organizations, schools, health care providers, social workers, and government agencies. Guided by a desire to right the wrongs of this world, these compassionate members of our community support our children on a daily basis. Organizations like the Stephens County Child Welfare Board are rays of hope in the dark days of our community's most vulnerable children.

Ultimately, child abuse prevention cannot be relegated to a single person, agency, or system. We each have a role to play as we work together to protect the most vulnerable among us. Behind many healthy, successful families is a strong community that enabled them to meet their own needs, and we must work together to strengthen our communities and build accessible, localized support systems. These systems, in turn, contribute to the well-being of the entire community by keeping children safe and families whole.

At this time, we encourage all citizens of Stephens County to learn more about the many ongoing efforts to create positive, healthy environments for the children of our community, state, and nation. Together, we can bring about a better, brighter future for children and in Stephens County so that tomorrow's leaders can thrive and reach their full potential.

Therefore, the Commissioner's Court of Stephens County, do hereby declare April 2023 to be CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH in Stephens County.

Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

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