

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & AWARENESS MONTH 2023

WHEREAS, more than 56,944 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas during 2022; and

WHEREAS, there were 297 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in Guadalupe County in 2022; 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 and support programs that benefit children and their families; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among a variety of entities including but not limited to schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, child protective services, prosecution agencies, medical professionals, mental health professionals, the Children's Advocacy Centers, Court Appointed Special Advocates, and other community-based non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in safe, nurturing environments as well as supporting local professionals dedicated to meeting the needs of child abuse victims; and

Now, therefore, I, Donna Dodgen, Mayor of the City of Seguin, **hereby proclaim April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month in the City of Seguin** and urge all citizens to work together to reduce child abuse and neglect and to significantly improve the response of our community when child abuse occurs in the months and years ahead.

Presented this 4th day of April 2023



It's real.

Donna Dodgen, Mayor

Naomi Manski, City Secretary