

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** children are our future and our greatest resource; and
- WHEREAS,** 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, 6,203 children were confirmed as victims of child abuse or neglect in 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** Alliance For Children provided trauma-informed services to 2,125 children in 2020; 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,** W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, do hereby urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in the years to come and proclaim April 2021 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 30th day of March in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.



MAYOR