

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, 5,536 children were confirmed as victims of child abuse or neglect in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Alliance For Children provided trauma-informed services to 2,564 children in 2019; 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 proclaim April 2020 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 28th day of April in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty.



MAYOR