

WHEREAS, more than 63,657 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in 2017 resulting in the placement of 50,293 children in foster care in Texas in 2017, and the death of 172 children in Texas in 2017; and

WHEREAS, more than 421 children in Hays County received services from Roxanne's House in 2017, including 105 of our children from Kyle; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS, locally, representatives from Hays County Child Welfare Board, Hays County District Attorney's Office, Hays-Caldwell Women's Center and Roxanne's House, Greater San Marcos Youth Council, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), San Marcos, Buda and Kyle Police Departments, Hays County Sheriff's Office, and CTMC have joined forces to provide preventive and supportive services to child victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, everyone in Kyle should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Travis Mitchell, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Kyle, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2018 as

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH"

And do hereby call upon the citizens of Kyle to work together to raise awareness and prevent child abuse in our community and beyond.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Kyle, Texas to be affixed this 3rd day of April, 2018.

Travis Mitchell, Mayor