

# Proclamation

Office of the Mayor  
Tommy Sloan

- WHEREAS,** preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and
- WHEREAS,** child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and
- WHEREAS,** the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and
- WHEREAS,** child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and
- WHEREAS,** child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity; and
- WHEREAS,** all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and
- WHEREAS,** effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service organizations, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;
- WHEREAS,** Prevention remains the best defense for our children and families;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Tommy Sloan, Mayor of Coleman, TX, do hereby proclaim April, 2021, to be:

## **NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH**

in Coleman, TX, and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

I HEREBY AFFIX THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF  
COLEMAN, TEXAS

  
MAYOR TOMMY SLOAN

