

Office of the County Judge
Fort Bend County, Texas

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Substance Abuse Prevention Month is an opportunity for families, friends, and our community to raise public awareness of substance abuse in our adolescent population where the median age at onset for both alcohol and drugs is 14 years old; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend Regional Council (FBRC) has witnessed that young people who begin using dangerous drugs or abusing alcohol have an increased risk of developing a problem; most of FBRC's treatment program clients report their first drug use during adolescence; and

WHEREAS, a 2012 Journal of American Medicine Association report shows that 47% of teens in late adolescence report regular alcohol use (12 times a year) and 42% report drug use. The 2009 CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey showed that nationally, 10% of youth drove while under the influence of alcohol (Texas was 12%); and

WHEREAS, experience has shown us that many innovative and effective approaches to dealing with adolescent drug and alcohol use begin at the community level and that substance abuse among our youth is treatable with early intervention that addresses the symptoms associated with substance abuse; and

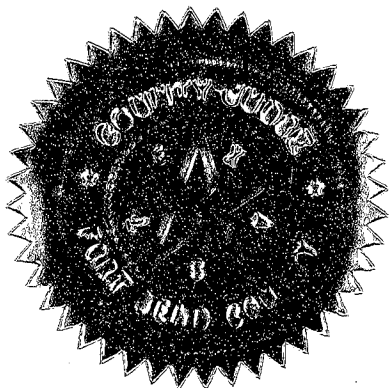
WHEREAS, FBRC was organized to provide families and individuals substance abuse prevention, education, and treatment services they need for positive change for themselves and the community, and this year the County of Fort Bend is proud to join them in this mission and commend them for their unwavering commitment and encouragement to those battling with substance abuse disorders in our community; and

WHEREAS, Substance Abuse Prevention Month raises awareness about the dangers of substance abuse and its effects; it offers hope to all who deal with the stress and hardships of these disorders by uniting the Fort Bend County community to address this urgent need.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN THAT, the County of Fort Bend, Texas most graciously honors Fort Bend Regional Council on Substance Abuse, Inc. and proclaims the month of October, 2013 to be

Substance Abuse Prevention Month

and urges all citizens to join in this mission.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused the Official Seal of the Office of the County Judge to be affixed this 24th day of September, 2013.

Robert E. Hebert
Fort Bend County Judge