

Office of the County Judge
Fort Bend County, Texas

Proclamation



WHEREAS, the universal challenges faced over the past three years have compounded the struggles children and families in our communities were already facing and heighten the urgency for us to consider what a robust family well-being system in Fort Bend County could and should look like; *and*

WHEREAS, sadly, child maltreatment is still a significant public health issue. Communities that lack accessible support and resources and are disproportionately affected by poverty can experience increased risk factors that lead to child abuse and neglect. Despite the complex factors that can lead to child maltreatment, it can be prevented; *and*

WHEREAS, each year, April is dedicated to recognizing the critical work being done across Texas to meet families upstream before a crisis occurs and offer them accessible lifelines that mitigate the challenges they face. Child abuse prevention occurs every day through the diligent work and tireless advocacy undertaken by Fort Bend County families, friends, neighbors, houses of faith, advocacy groups, nonprofit organizations, schools, health-care providers, social workers, and government agencies to support children and families in every community; *and*

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention cannot be tasked to one community, agency, or system. Behind many families that succeeded on their own is a strong community that provided a way for the family to meet their needs. We must all work together to strengthen our communities and build localized supports that are accessible, contribute to the well-being of the entire community, and keep children and families safe and together; *and*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, KP George, Fort Bend County Judge and The Commissioners' Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, do hereby recognize on this 25th day of April 2023,

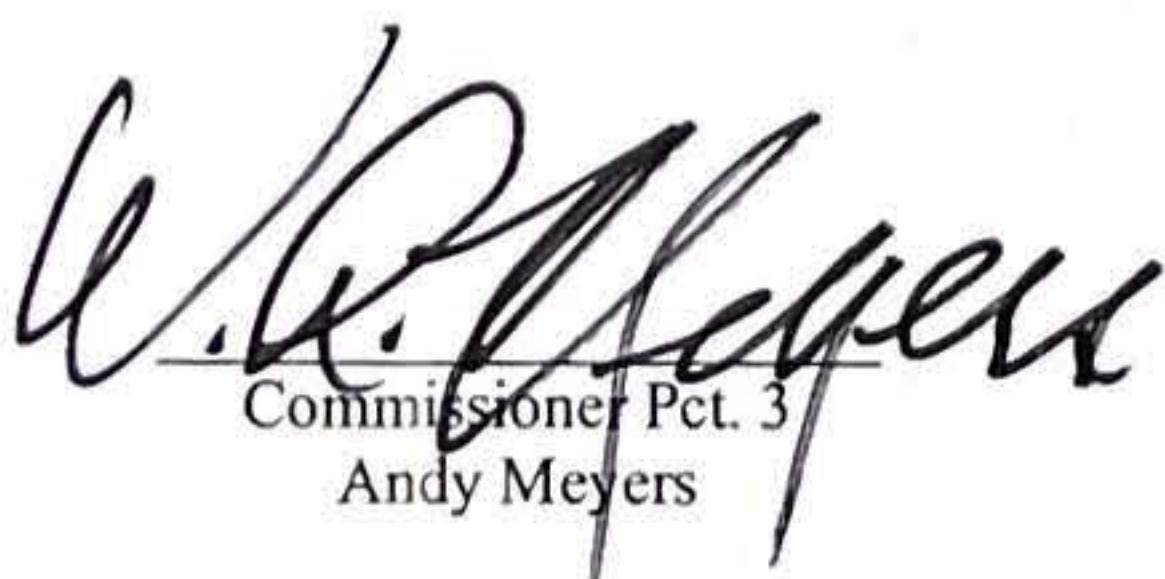
Child Abuse Awareness Month

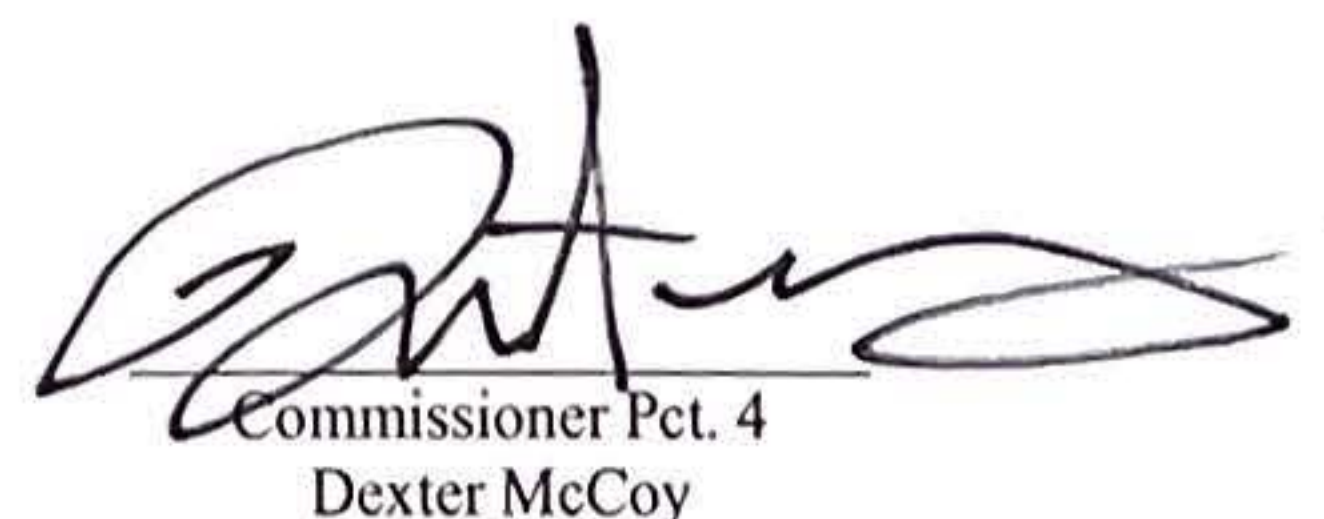
in Fort Bend County, Texas and commend the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for their work to protect the children of Fort Bend County.


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