

**City of League City  
Office of the Mayor**



***Proclamation***

**WHEREAS**, children are the embodiment of innocence and our hope for the future, and every child deserves to grow up in a nurturing environment, free from harm and fear; and

**WHEREAS**, every responsible person will agree that even one abused child is one too many, but still our state's child protection caseloads are evidence of the shameful fact that child abuse is a widespread issue in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, 652 children in Galveston County were victims of child abuse last year; and

**WHEREAS**, when abuse or neglect occurs, we have a duty to report it to the appropriate authorities. All responsible citizens must do what is necessary to resolve this insidious issue; and

**WHEREAS**, through education and awareness like parenting programs, programs that strengthen families, learning the signs of abuse, teaching young children about appropriate touches, sharing information with teens about healthy dating, offering a helping hand to stressed and fatigued parents, and reporting suspected abuse, discourage child abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, to significantly impact child abuse, partnerships must be established between citizens, agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement, and business communities to work together and make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and strengthen families.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Pat Hallisey, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the 10th Mayor of the City of League City do hereby declare April 2017 as

***"Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month"***

in the great City of League City, and encourage all citizens to join me in renewing our commitment to preventing child abuse and to learning what we can do to promote the safety and well-being of our community's children.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of League City, Texas, to be affixed on this the 28th day of March 2017.



*Pat Hallisey*  
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Pat Hallisey, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Diana M. Stapp*  
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Diana Stapp, City Secretary