PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF BLANCO CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only directly harms children, but also, increases the likelihood of long-term physical and mental health problems, alcohol, and substance abuse, continued family violence and criminal behavior; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and do not 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 in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I, Rachel Lumpee, Mayor of the City of Blanco, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of April to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Blanco, and call upon all Blanco citizens, community agencies, faith groups, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE OF THE CITY OF BLANCO THIS _____ DAY OF MARCH 2023.

Rachel Lumpee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laurie Cassidy, City Secretary