

**PROCLAMATION  
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH  
WISE COUNTY, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, we all have a responsibility as individuals, neighbors, community members, and citizens of Wise County, Texas, to help create healthy, safe, and nurturing experiences for children; and

**WHEREAS**, safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident and successful adults; 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 every family has the support they need and deserve to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

**WHEREAS**, our community should support an environment that encourages families to nurture and love children so that they will reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that finding solutions to child abuse depends on involvement from our entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, effective prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, displaying a pinwheel or planting a pinwheel garden in April will serve as a positive, powerful visual reminder that, together, we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, County Judge J.D. Clark, do hereby proclaim April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Wise County, Texas, and I urge all citizens to engage in activities and conversations that will strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal environment for children to learn, grow, and thrive so that all children have the benefit of healthy, safe, and happy childhoods.

*Proclaimed and signed on March 29, 2015.*



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J.D. Clark  
County Judge  
Wise County, Texas