



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, The City of Uvalde prides itself on giving back to the community, contributing to the equality of life among our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, The Bluebonnet Children’s Advocacy Center, in association with National court Appointed Special Advocates Association, Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas, and Child Welfare Board of Uvalde speaks for the best interest of abused and neglected children who are involved in juvenile courts; and

**WHEREAS**, 245 cases of child abuse and neglect were investigated in Uvalde County in 2018 and more than 415 children in Uvalde County suffered from some form of abuse or neglect each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among a variety of entities including but not limited to schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, child protective services, prosecution agencies, medical professionals, mental health professionals, children’s advocacy centers and other community-based non-profit organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, This effort will give abused and neglected children in our community, and around the country, a chance for a safe and positive future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Don McLaughlin, Jr., Mayor, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of the City of Uvalde, do hereby proclaim April, 2019 as:

**“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH”**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I  
have hereunto set my hand and  
caused the official seal of the  
City of Uvalde to be affixed this  
9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019

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Don McLaughlin, Jr., Mayor