



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

The true character of a society is reflected not only in its strength or prosperity, but in its resolve to safeguard its most vulnerable members. Every child is a priceless blessing, filled with limitless promises and deserving of a safe and nurturing home. Yet for far too many young Texans, childhood is overshadowed by fear and hardship due to abuse and neglect. Each year, more than 50,000 confirmed cases of abuse and neglect are reported in our state. Behind every statistic is a child who has suffered the loss of security and endured lasting emotional, psychological, or physical harm.

Throughout our history, Texas has taken meaningful steps to prevent abuse and respond decisively when it occurs. We have strengthened child protection systems, expanded support services for families in crisis, and equipped law enforcement and community partners with vital resources. Still, this challenge cannot be addressed by government alone. Protecting children is a shared responsibility that calls upon each of us to remain vigilant, to extend compassion to those in need, and to foster a culture rooted in safety and respect. As Governor of Texas and as a parent, I urge all Texans to stand united in this critical effort and to help ensure justice and protection for every child.

Communities across our great state have answered this call with determination and care. Schools have strengthened prevention programs and reporting procedures; churches and nonprofit organizations provide mentorship and support to at-risk youth; and child welfare advocates continue to broaden their outreach and impact. These collective efforts demonstrate the power of collaboration and affirm that when Texans work together, meaningful progress is possible.

Each April, we observe Child Abuse Prevention Month to bring attention to this urgent issue, to encourage open dialogue, and to recognize those dedicated to prevention and healing. As we reflect on the profound importance of protecting children, may we renew our commitment to survivors, families, and advocates. During Child Abuse Prevention Month and beyond, let us remain steadfast in our pursuit of a future in which every child experiences the love, stability, and security they deserve—and let us work tirelessly until that vision becomes reality.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2026 to be

Child Abuse Prevention Month

in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 12th day of March, 2026.




Governor of Texas