

Proclamation

WHEREAS, More than 64,366 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in 2012, resulting in the death of 212 children and the placement of 31,302 children in foster care in Texas; and

WHEREAS, more than 315 children in Hays County were confirmed victims of child abuse in 2012; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS, locally, representatives from Hays County Child Welfare Board, Hays County District Attorney's Office, Hays-Caldwell Women's Center and Roxanne's House, Greater San Marcos Youth Council, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), San Marcos, Buda and Kyle Police Departments, Hays County Sheriff's Office, and CTMC have joined forces to provide a united effort to offer prevention and supportive services to child victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, everyone in Buda should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Todd Ruge, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Buda, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2013 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

And do hereby call upon the citizens of Buda to work together to raise awareness and prevent child abuse in our community and beyond.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Buda, Texas, this ____ day of April, 2013.

Attest: