

**Child Abuse Prevention Month
April 2009**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than **70,000** cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in fiscal year 2008; and **373** confirmed victims in Tom Green County in 2007

WHEREAS, there were **605** CASA cases and **347** Hope House cases of child abuse and neglect in Tom Green County in fiscal year 2008; and

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

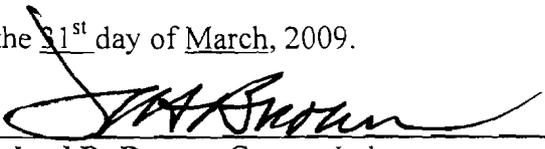
WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, local business and individuals; and

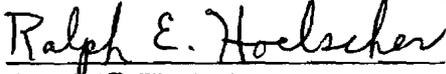
WHEREAS, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, the *Tom Green County Commissioners' Court* do hereby proclaim the month of April 2009, as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in Tom Green County, and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly this year, and in the years to come.

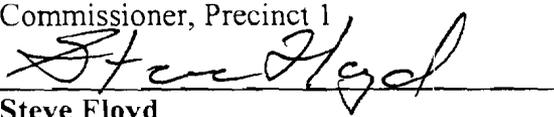
PASSED AND APPROVED this the 31st day of March, 2009.



Michael D. Brown, County Judge



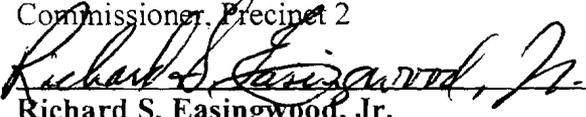
Ralph E. Hoelscher
Commissioner, Precinct 1



Steve Floyd
Commissioner, Precinct 3



Aubrey deCordova
Commissioner, Precinct 2

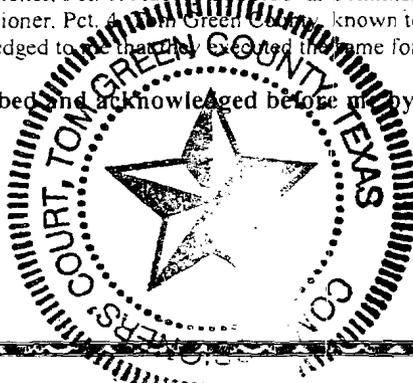


Richard S. Easingwood, Jr.
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Michael D. Brown, County Judge; Ralph E. Hoelscher, Commissioner, Pct. 1; Aubrey deCordova, Commissioner, Pct. 2; Steve C. Floyd, Commissioner, Pct. 3; and Richard S. Easingwood, Commissioner, Pct. 4 in Tom Green County, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

Subscribed and acknowledged before me by the said County Officials, on this the 31 day of March, 2009.



Attest:



Elizabeth McGill, County Clerk
Tom Green County, Texas