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PROCLAMATION CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 2013

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are complex and ongoing problems in our society, affecting many children in Titus County; and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to feel secure, be nurtured, loved, cared for, and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional, and physical abuse, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's right to a safe and nurturing childhood; and

WHEREAS, Titus County has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child mistreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need; and

WHEREAS, our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child abuse prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, faith and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Brian Lee, County Judge of Titus County, Texas, do proclaim April 2013 as **Child Abuse Prevention Month**, and hereby encourage all citizens to renew their commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect.

Signed this 8th day of April, 2013.