

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS**, child victims of abuse and neglect need and deserve support and assistance to help them cope with the tragedies in their young lives; and*

***WHEREAS**, National Child Abuse Awareness Month in April offers us all the opportunity to promote and support programs that offer protection and safety for our community's children; and*

***WHEREAS**, Court Appointed Special Advocates of Denton County (CASA) has been providing important life-altering services to children in Denton County who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect for 28 years; and*

***WHEREAS**, more than 1,000 children from Denton County were in foster homes or residential treatment centers in 2019 due to abuse and/or neglect; 20 children from The Colony were served by CASA during 2019; and*

***WHEREAS**, The Colony, Texas is a place where citizens truly care about each other and work as a community dedicated to protecting our youth and helping them thrive and survive the trauma they have experienced; and*

***WHEREAS**, it takes commitment from all individuals and organizations in a community working together to surround these children with positive relationships and experiences, love, guidance, and protection,*

***NOW THEREFORE**, in honor of all children in Denton County, I, Joe McCourry, Mayor of the City of The Colony, Texas do hereby proclaim the month of April 2020 as "**Child Abuse Awareness Month**", and commend the more than 200 community volunteers, 8 of whom are residents of The Colony, for their work in advocating for children during this difficult time in their lives.*

Signed and sealed this 21st day of April, 2020.

Joe McCourry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tina Stewart, TRMC, City Secretary