

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: Linda Cantu, City Secretary
Date: March 26, 2013
Subject: Proclamation

City Council Action Requested:

Presentation of Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Background Information:

Attachment - Proclamation

Board/Citizen Input:

N/A

Financial Impact:

N/A

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WHEREAS, 127,486 investigations regarding reports of child abuse or neglect were reported in Texas in 2012, with 5,598 of those being confirmed in Tarrant County; and 14 child deaths were attributed To Abuse or neglect in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Alliance for Children provided child-focused services to 2,262 children in 2012; which includes 463 in the Northeast community, 1326 in Fort Worth, and 473 in Arlington; and

WHEREAS, Alliance for Children is proud to be celebrating 21 years of serving as Tarrant County's Child Advocacy Center in 2012, and provided prevention education to 25,842 adults and children in Tarrant County in 2012; and

WHEREAS, these prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement, parents, and the business community; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Agan, Mayor of the City of Richland Hills, Texas, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2013 as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in the City of Richland Hills, Texas and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in the years to come.

PROCLAIMED this 2nd day of April, 2013.