

**Jefferson County
Child Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation
April 2011**

WHEREAS: Over 200,000 children in Texas are reported as abused or neglected every year; and

WHEREAS: Over 2,584 children in Jefferson County are reported as abused or neglected every year; and

WHEREAS: Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends upon 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, 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, Jefferson County Texas, hereby proclaim the month of April 2011 to be **CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH** in Jefferson County. I also proclaim that April 13, 2011 to be "Go Blue Day," and in so doing, urge all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of preventing child abuse and showing support by wearing blue or displaying blue ribbons to show support for the prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

