

Office of the Mayor  
for the City of La Marque

# *PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem permeating every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the City of La Marque; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Marque acknowledges that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the Mayor and City Council by virtue of our authority vested by the City of La Marque, Texas do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as:

## **"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"**

in the City of La Marque and do hereby urge all the citizens of La Marque to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Seal of the City of La Marque, this the 3rd day of April 2023.

  
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Keith Bell, Mayor