

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, More than 50,000 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas during 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

**WHEREAS**, Communities must make every effort to promote and support programs that benefit children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among a variety of entities including but not limited to schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, child protective services, prosecution agencies, medical professionals, mental health professionals, children's advocacy centers and other community-based nonprofit organizations; and


**WHEREAS**, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in safe, nurturing environments as well as supporting local professionals dedicated to meeting the needs of child abuse victims;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I GREGORY L. WORTHAM**, Mayor of the City of Sweetwater do hereby proclaim the month of April 2012 to be

### **"Child Abuse Prevention Month"**

In Sweetwater and urge all citizens to work together to reduce child abuse and neglect and to significantly improve the response of our community when child abuse occurs in the months and years ahead.

In **WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sweetwater, Texas to be affixed this 13th day of March, 2012.



Gregory L. Wortham, Mayor