



**Proclamation
Texas Parent to Parent Weekend**

WHEREAS, Texas Parent to Parent is a nonprofit organization created by parents to provide information and support for families of children with disabilities, chronic illness and other special health care needs throughout the state of Texas.

WHEREAS, the majority of Texas Parent to Parent staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors are parents of children with a disability, chronic illness or special health care need.

WHEREAS, Texas Parent to Parent is dedicated to improving the lives of Texas children with disabilities, chronic illness or special health care needs.

WHEREAS, Texas Parent to Parent supports children with disabilities, chronic illnesses, and other special needs by empowering their families to be advocates for them through peer support, resource referral and public awareness.

WHEREAS, the goals of Texas Parent to Parent are to:

- To increase the confidence, emotional stability and skills of families by providing peer support and ongoing opportunities for specific information and training
- To provide a place where families can get answers to specific questions about issues related to their child
- To increase families' knowledge and access to resources
- To decrease stress and isolation for families of children with disabilities, chronic illness or other special needs
- To help families find or create resources for support in their own community
- To enhance the education and understanding of the professionals presently working with or preparing to work with families and their children so that they can be sensitive to the stresses faced by these families

WHEREAS, it is the perpetual goal of Texas Parent to Parent for every family of a child with a disability, chronic illness or special health care need to have the support and tools necessary to ensure their child has a satisfying and full life.

WHEREAS, the County of Hays is honored to host the 7th annual Texas Parent to Parent statewide conference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hays County Commissioners Court has proclaimed June 24th through 26th as

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and do hereby call upon the citizens of Hays County to recognize the accomplishments of the staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors, of Texas Parent to Parent, and express our appreciation for the skills, professionalism, and dedication they contribute to the lives of families of children with disabilities, chronic illness and other special health care needs.

PROCLAIMED THIS THE 21ST DAY OF JUNE, 2011

Bert Cobb
Hays County Judge

Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe
Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Commissioner, Pct. 2

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Commissioner, Pct. 3

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Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Liz Q. Gonzalez
Hays County Clerk

