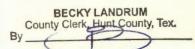
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Elder Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation



- WHEREAS, older adults and people with disabilities of diverse backgrounds contribute to the wellbeing of this city by working, caregiving, volunteering and actively preserving customs, rituals, and traditions; and
- WHEREAS, as we age, we build momentum by accumulating knowledge, experience, insight, and wisdom that can be shared to enrich our community; and
- WHEREAS, abuse of older adults and people with disabilities is a community concern, affecting thousands of people across Texas; and
- WHEREAS there were 120,069 reports of abuse older adults and people with disabilities in Texas in 2023; and 562 reports in Hunt County
- WHEREAS, abuse against older adults and people with disabilities is grossly underreported because of social stigma, embarrassment, and fear; and
- WHEREAS, adult abuse effects men and women of all income and ability levels, all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, in all communities; and
- WHEREAS, elder abuse is everyone's business, it's important to strengthen our efforts to prevent, report and address elder abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bobby W. Stovall, Hunt County Judge, in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 to be:

"Elder Abuse Awareness Month"

In Hunt County, Texas and urge all residents to work together to reduce abuse and neglect of older adults and people with disabilities.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES and SEAL OF OFFICE this 11th day of June 2024.

Hunt County Judge

Hunt County Clerk