



Proclamation

ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS,** older adults and people with disabilities of diverse backgrounds contribute to the well-being 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
- WHEREAS,** abuse against older adults and people with disabilities is grossly underreported because of social stigma, embarrassment, and fear; and
- WHEREAS,** adult abuse affects 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, the Commissioners Court of Brazos County in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 to be:

“Elder Abuse Awareness Month”

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

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES this 4th day of June 2024.

Duane Peters
County Judge

Steve Aldrich
County Commissioner, Precinct 1

Chuck Konderla
County Commissioner, Precinct 2

Nancy Berry
County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Wanda J. Watson
County Commissioner, Precinct 4