



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, older adults and people with disabilities of diverse backgrounds contribute to the wellbeing of Williamson County 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, suspected abuse, neglect, and/or financial exploitation should be reported to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or online at www.txabusehotline.org; and

WHEREAS, adult abuse affects men and women of all income and ability levels, all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and in all communities; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse should be everyone's business, and it's important to strengthen our efforts to prevent, report and address elder abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Williamson County Commissioners Court in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 to be:

“Elder Abuse Awareness Month”

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

Passed by Commissioners Court and Signed on this date: _____

Bill Gravell, County Judge

On behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court Members