

PROCLAMATION
ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH JUNE 2023

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, abuse affected more than 84,655 older adults and people with disabilities in Texas in 2022; and

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 is important to strengthen our efforts to prevent, report and address elder abuse.

WHEREAS, in Montague County, Texas, we urge all residents to work together to reduce abuse and neglect of older adults and people with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Commissioners of Montague County, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2023 to be **ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH IN MONTAGUE COUNTY.**

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES and SEAL OF OFFICE this 22nd day of May, 2023.



Kevin Benton, County Judge

ATTEST:



Roy Darden, Commissioner, Pct. #1



Kim Jones, County Clerk





Mike Mayfield, Commissioner, Pct. #2



Mark Murphey, Commissioner, Pct. #3



Bob Langford, Commissioner, Pct. #4