PROCLAMATION ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH JUNE 2025

- WHEREAS, older adults and people with disabilities of diverse backgrounds contribute to the wellbeing of this 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 123,852 reports of abuse against older adults and people with disabilities in Texas in 2024; 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's important to strengthen our efforts to prevent, report and address elder abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Commissioners of Montague County, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2025 to be ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH IN MONTAGUE COUNTY.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES and SEAL OF OFFICE this 27th day of May, 2025.

Roy Darden, Commissioner Pct. #1

Mike Mayfirst, Commissioner Pct. #2

Mark Murphey Commissioner Pct. #4

Bob Langford, Commissioner Pct. #4