

**PROCLAMATION**  
**ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH JUNE 2026**

**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 125,382 reports of abuse of older adults and people with disabilities in Texas in 2025; 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 2026 to be **ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH IN MONTAGUE COUNTY** and urge all residents to work together to reduce abuse and neglect of older adults and people with disabilities.

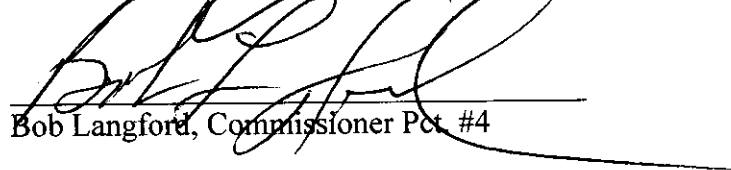
**WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES and SEAL OF OFFICE** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

  
Kevin L. Benton, County Judge

  
Roy Darden, Commissioner Pct. #1

  
Mike Mayfield, Commissioner Pct. #2

  
Mark Murphey, Commissioner Pct. #3

  
Bob Langford, Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTEST:

