

Proclamation

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 120,069 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 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 BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of the County of Atascosa hereby recognize and proclaims month of June 2024 to be

"Elder Abuse Awareness Month"

In Atascosa County, Texas 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 ____ day of June 2024.

Weldon Cude, County Judge

Theresa Carrasco, County Clerk

Mark Gillespie, Commissioner #1

Mark Bowen, Commissioner #2

Eliseo Perez, Commissioner #3

Kennard Riley, Commissioner #4