

*Proclamation declaring June 2021 as
Elder Abuse Prevention Month*

- Whereas* people who are elderly or have disabilities have contributed to the general welfare of Hidalgo County by helping to preserve the heritage, customs, and traditions of many people from diverse backgrounds; and
- Whereas* these residents are vital and integral members of our society and their wisdom and experience have enriched our lives; and
- Whereas* abuse of the elderly and people with disabilities in domestic and institutional settings is a wide-spread problem, affecting hundreds of thousands of people across the country; and
- Whereas* in Fiscal Year 2020, there were 86,614 completed cases of elderly and disabled persons abuse in Texas, of which 52,506 were confirmed; and
- Whereas* elder abuse is grossly underreported because of the elderly who are being abused finding it very difficult to tell anyone and are usually ashamed and sometimes afraid; and
- Whereas* elder abuse happens to men and women of all income levels, all cultural and ethnic groups, whether they are in good health or incapacitated in some way, in poor neighborhoods and in suburbia; and
- Whereas* many of the cases investigated by Adult Protective Services in Texas involve self-neglect and it is our duty as citizens to reach out to people in need.

Now therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court hereby declares June 2021 as Elder Abuse Prevention Month in Hidalgo County and urges all citizens to work together to help reduce elder abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

Approved this 15th day of June, 2021.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk