

Proclamation recognizing June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month

Whereas older adults and people with disabilities of diverse backgrounds contribute to the well-being 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 in 2022, there were 119,448 completed cases of elderly and disabled persons abuse in Texas, of which 84,655 were confirmed; and

Whereas abuse against older adults and people with disabilities is grossly underreported because of social stigma, embarrassment, and fear; and

Whereas adult abuse affects men and women of all income and ability levels, all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, in all communities; and

Whereas the Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office encourages everyone to join the elder abuse awareness events. It is important to strengthen our efforts to prevent, report and address elder abuse.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby declare the month of June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Hidalgo County.

Approved this -- day of June 2023.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ
County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest: _____
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk