

PROCLAMATION
Recognizing June 2025 as
Elder Abuse Awareness Month
Hidalgo County, Texas

WHEREAS, the elderly are valued members of our community, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure their safety, dignity, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is a widespread and often hidden problem affecting hundreds of thousands of elderly people each year, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, financial exploitation, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Council on Aging, approximately 1 in 10 Americans aged 60 and older have experienced some form of elder abuse, with many cases going unreported; and

WHEREAS, Elder abuse is frequently unreported, as many older adults struggle to share their experiences due to overwhelming feelings of shame, fear, or isolation; and

WHEREAS, Hidalgo County recognizes the need to raise public awareness about elder abuse and to encourage community members to learn the warning signs, report suspected abuse, and support prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office, local law enforcement, senior services providers, and advocacy organizations are committed to protecting our elderly through education, outreach, investigation, and prosecution of elder abuse cases;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the month of **June 2025** as:

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH in **Hidalgo County, Texas**, and encourages all residents to take a stand against elder abuse by raising awareness, learning the signs of abuse, and supporting the rights and safety of older adults.

Proclaimed this ___ day of June, 2025
Hidalgo County Commissioners Court