



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, elderly residents are vital and integral members of our society, and they have contributed their wisdom and experience to Williamson County by helping to preserve customs, history, and traditions from diverse backgrounds, which have enriched our lives; and

WHEREAS, abuse of the elderly in domestic and institutional settings is a wide-spread problem, affecting hundreds of thousands of people across the country; and

WHEREAS, Texas Adult Protective Services In-Home Caseworkers in Williamson County have investigated 1,250 intakes of which 750 cases of abuse, neglect and/or exploitation were confirmed against our elderly Texans in 2018; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is grossly underreported because the elderly who are being abused find it very difficult to tell anyone and are usually ashamed and sometimes afraid; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse does not discriminate and can happen to men and women of all income levels, all cultural and ethnic groups, whether they are in good health or incapacitated, and in rural, suburban, and urban areas; 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, the Williamson County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 to be Elder Abuse Prevention Month in Williamson County and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce abuse and neglect of people who are elderly.

Signed on this date: _____

Bill Gravell, County Judge

Terry Cook, Commissioner Precinct 1

Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct 3

Cynthia Long, Commissioner Precinct 2

Russ Boles, Commissioner Precinct 4