

*State of Texas*  
*County of Williamson*  
*Know all men by these presents:*

That on the 2nd day of June 2020 the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in duly called session at the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas, with the following members present:

Bill Gravell, Jr., County Judge  
Terry Cook, Commissioner Precinct One  
Cynthia P. Long, Commissioner Precinct Two  
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct Three  
Russ Boles, Commissioner Precinct Four

And at said meeting, among other business, the Court considered the following:

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, People who are elderly or have disabilities have contributed to the general welfare of Williamson County by helping to preserve customs, convictions, 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 widespread problem, affecting hundreds of thousands of people across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas APS In-Home Caseworkers in Williamson County have investigated 1,322 intakes of which 731 cases were Abuse, Neglect and/or Exploitation cases confirmed against our elderly Texans or those with disabilities in 2019, with 220 individuals being provided services beyond the investigation stage; 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 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**, If you suspect abuse, neglect, financial exploitation or a state of self-neglect in elderly or disabled, please report to ***TxAbuseHotline.org*** or call ***800-252-5400***, and if immediate danger is present call 911 or local law enforcement before you call the hotline;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Williamson County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to be ***Elder Abuse Awareness Day*** in Williamson County and urges all citizens to reach out to the valued and vulnerable individuals in our communities to help reduce abuse and neglect.

**PROCLAIMED THIS 2nd DAY OF JUNE 2020.**

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Bill Gravell, Jr. – County Judge