

PROCLAMATION ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the elder population of Tarrant County is a vital and cherished segment of our community, deserving of our respect, care, and protection; and

WHEREAS, the month of June is acknowledged as Elder Abuse Awareness Month, and its recognition fosters the prevention of abuse and neglect of older adults; and

WHEREAS, there were 120,069 reports of abuse towards older adults and people with disabilities in Texas in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County's seniors deserve to live safely with dignity, and as independently as possible, with the support they need; and

WHEREAS, eliminating abuse to older persons is the responsibility of each community and Tarrant County is concerned about the risk to our older residents who suffer from neglect or are victims of financial, emotional, or physical abuse; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about elder abuse is essential to recognizing the signs, understanding the impact, and taking action to prevent and address this serious issue; and

WHEREAS, during Elder Abuse Awareness Month and always, we stand united in our commitment to ensure the safety and security of older adults, support victims of elder abuse, and hold abusers accountable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby proclaim June 2024 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Tarrant County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 18th day of June 2024.