

**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 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.*