



TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

County Courthouse, Room 101 / Woodville, Texas 75979

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County Judge

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STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF TYLER §

2024 Proclamation June as Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

WHEREAS, People who are elderly and/or have disabilities have contributed to the general welfare of Tyler County by helping to preserve customs, convictions, and traditions of many people from diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, as we age, we build momentum by accumulating knowledge, experience, insight, and wisdom, that can be shared to enrich our community; 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 older adults and/or people with disabilities in domestic and institutional settings is a widespread problem, and a community concern, affecting thousands of people across Texas and our country; and

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

WHEREAS, Texas APS In-Home Caseworkers in **Tyler County** have completed **112** investigations of which **83** cases of Abuse, Neglect and/or Exploitation were confirmed against our elderly citizens or those with disabilities in **2023**;

WHEREAS, Elder abuse is grossly underreported because the elderly who are being abused find it very difficult to tell anyone due to social stigma, embarrassment and fear; and

WHEREAS, in all communities, Elder abuse happens to men and women of all economic and ability levels, all cultural and ethnic groups, whether they are in good health or incapacitated in some way; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is everyone's business and it's important to strengthen our efforts to prevent, report and address elder abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Milton Powers, Tyler County Judge, do hereby proclaim the month of **June 2024** to be Elder Abuse Prevention Month in **Tyler County** and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce abuse and neglect of people who are elderly or have disabilities.

In witness thereof, signed this the 13th day of **May, 2024**

Milton Powers
County Judge, Tyler County

Joe Blacksher, Commissioner Pct. 1

Doug Hughes, Commissioner Pct. 2

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Attested by:

DONECE GREGORY
County Clerk, Tyler County