



Elder Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, older adults and people with disabilities of diverse backgrounds contribute to the wellbeing of this city by working, caregiving, volunteering and actively preserving customs, rituals, and traditions; 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, abuse of older adults and people with disabilities is a community concern, affecting thousands of people across Texas; and

WHEREAS, there were 125,382 reports of abuse older adults and people with disabilities in Texas in 2025; and 135 reports in Tyler County

WHEREAS, abuse against older adults and people with disabilities is grossly underreported because of social stigma, embarrassment, and fear; and

WHEREAS, adult abuse effects men and women of all income and ability levels, all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, in all communities; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Milton Powers, Judge in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2026 to be:

“Elder Abuse Awareness Month”

In Texas and urge all residents to work together to reduce abuse and neglect of older adults and people with disabilities.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES and **SEAL OF OFFICE** this **11th** day of **May** **2026**.

Judge Milton Powers

Joe Blacksher, Commissioner, Pct 1

Doug Hughes, Commissioner Pct 4

Mike Marshall, Commissioner, Pct 3

Buck Hudson, Commissioner, Pct 4

Attested By:

Janet Brown, Tyler County Clerk

