



**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**.

  
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Judge Milton Powers

  
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Joe Blacksher, Commissioner, Pct 1

  
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Doug Hughes, Commissioner Pct **2**

  
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Mike Marshall, Commissioner, Pct 3

**Not present**  
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Buck Hudson, Commissioner, Pct 4

Attested By:   
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Janet Brown, Tyler County Clerk