

## A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

- **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 120,069 reports of abuse older adults and people with disabilities in Texas in 2023; and
- **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,** We, the Commissioners Court of Lubbock County, in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 to be:

## "Elder Abuse Awareness Month"

in Lubbock County, Texas and urge all residents to work together to put a stop abuse and neglect of older adults and people with disabilities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Lubbock County held on May 28, 2024: Curtis Parrish, County Judge Terence Kovar Jason Corley Commissioner Precinct 1 Commissioner Precinct 2 Gilbert A. Flores Jordan Rackler Commissioner Precinct 3 **Commissioner Precinct 4** ATTEST: **Kelly Pinion** 

County Clerk