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## Elder Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** older adults and people with disabilities of diverse backgrounds contribute to the well-being 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 123,852 reports of abuse of older adults and people with disabilities in Texas in 2024; and

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

**WHEREAS,** adult abuse affects 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 Robert Newsom, County Judge, in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2025 to be:

### ***"Elder Abuse Awareness Month"***

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

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Texas, in Sulphur Springs, the County Seat this Twenty-Fourth Day of June in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge