

Resolution

WHEREAS, older adults and people with disabilities of diverse backgrounds contribute to the well-being of Harris County 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 individuals with disabilities is a community concern, affecting thousands of people across Texas and affects men and women of all income and ability levels, all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, in all communities; and

WHEREAS, abuse affected more than 120,000 older adults and people with disabilities in Texas in 2022¹ and abuse against older adults and individuals with disabilities is grossly underreported because of social stigma, embarrassment, and fear; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Harris County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims the month of June 2023 as

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

in Harris County and urge all residents to work together to reduce abuse and neglect of older adults and individuals with disabilities.

It is hereby *ORDERED* that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of Commissioners Court this 16th day of May 2023.

LINA HIDALGO, County Judge

RODNEY ELLIS, Commissioner
Precinct One

ADRIAN GARCIA, Commissioner
Precinct Two

TOM S. RAMSEY, P.E., Commissioner
Precinct Three

LESLEY BRIONES, Commissioner
Precinct Four

ATTEST:

Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk
Harris County, T E X A S

¹ (2023, February 4). *APS Investigations: Types of Abuse*. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Retrieved May 5, 2023, from https://www.dfps.texas.gov/About_DFPS/Data_Book/Adult_Protective_Services/Investigations/Types_of_Abuse.asp