

2021 Proclamation Declaring June as Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

WHEREAS, People who are elderly or have disabilities have contributed to the general welfare of **Navarro County** by helping to preserve customs, convictions, and traditions of many people from diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, these residents are vital and integral members of our society and their wisdom and experience have enriched our lives; and

WHEREAS, Abuse of the elderly and people with disabilities in domestic and institutional settings is a wide-spread problem, affecting hundreds of thousands of people across the country; and

WHEREAS, Texas APS In-Home Caseworkers in **Navarro County** have investigated **181** intakes of which **133** cases of Abuse, Neglect and/or Exploitation were confirmed against our elderly Texans or those with disabilities in **2020**;

WHEREAS, Elder abuse is grossly underreported because the elderly who are being abused find it very difficult to tell anyone and are usually ashamed and sometimes afraid; and

WHEREAS, Elder abuse happens to men and women of all income levels, all cultural and ethnic groups, whether they are in good health or incapacitated in some way, in poor neighborhoods and in suburbia; and

WHEREAS, many of the cases investigated by Adult Protective Services in Texas involve self-neglect and it is our duty as citizens to reach out to people in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, H.M. Davenport Navarro County Judge do hereby proclaim the month of June 2021 to be Elder Abuse Prevention Month in **Navarro County** and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce abuse and neglect of people who are elderly or have disabilities.

14th day of June, 2021



H.M. Davenport, Navarro County Judge



Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Commissioner
Jaime Masters

Honorable H.M. Davenport

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Corsicana, Texas 75110

Dear Judge Davenport:

June is **Elder Abuse Prevention Month**. This month provides an excellent opportunity for **Navarro County** to demonstrate its support in ending Elder Abuse and to support the numerous victims who are among us. It's a wonderful opportunity to educate the public on the seriousness of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of the elderly population.

Adult Protective Services and Community Partners would be honored if you would sponsor an official proclamation to recognize June as **Navarro County** Elder Abuse Prevention Month. Your proclamation would lend official recognition to the important work of educating the public on Elder Abuse, as well as emphasize your personal commitment to help protect elderly health, safety and rights.

- Statewide APS received 117,441 cases, investigated 86,614 and confirmed 52,506 cases of abuse, neglect or financial exploitation of elderly or adults with a disabling condition in 2020 according to DFPS Annual Data Books.
- **Navarro County** APS Caseworkers investigated **181** cases and confirmed **133** cases in **2020** according to DFPS Annual Data Books.

I have enclosed a sample proclamation which may help your office compose the appropriate proclamation for **Navarro County**.

Thanks,

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