Office of the County Judge - Navarro County, TX

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 120,069 reports of abuse older adults and people with disabilities in Texas in 2023; and 219 reports in Navarro 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 is important to strengthen our efforts to prevent, report, and address elder abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, H.M. Davenport, Judge, Navarro County, in recognition, thereof, do Hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 to be:

Elder Abuse Awareness Month

In Navarro 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 have caused the Seal of Navarro County, Texas, to be affixed.

Honorable H.M. Davenport, Judge