



## A Proclamation by Ellis County Commissioner's Court In Recognition of June as Elder Abuse Prevention Month

**WHEREAS**, it is the moral duty of all individuals to honor those who came before them, including both familial and public figures; and

**WHEREAS**, these elders built the world as we know it today, and they continue to guide our society with timeless wisdom and experience; and

**WHEREAS**, the abuse or neglect of elders and disabled individuals represents a crime not just under the law, but under the moral principles that Western Civilization upholds; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, Texas Adult Protective Services received 495 intakes and investigated 329 cases of abuse or neglect among elderly and disabled residents of Ellis County; and

**WHEREAS**, elderly and disabled individuals likely underreport abuse and neglect due to fear, embarrassment, or denial; and

**WHEREAS**, many cases of elder abuse involve self-neglect due to loneliness, depression, and isolation – a suicidal condition that may not be readily evident to family, friends, and neighbors; and

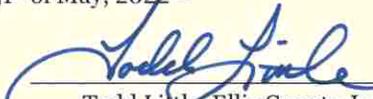
**WHEREAS**, abuse or neglect can occur against elderly and disabled individuals of all backgrounds in all areas, thus constituting a universal need to inform all dutiful citizens how to identify and report potential cases; and

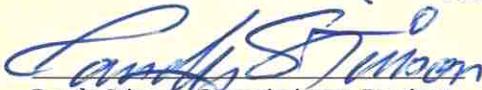
**WHEREAS**, by raising awareness amongst our citizens how to protect the elderly and disabled from wrongdoing, Ellis County and Texas Adult Protective Services can work together to decrease incidents of abuse and neglect in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, we call upon all Ellis County citizens to serve as guardians and good Samaritans for the elderly and disabled in our community, who cannot always help themselves in times of personal crisis;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Ellis County commissioners, recognize June, 2022 as Elder Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month in Ellis County, Texas.

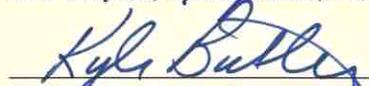
In witness thereof, signed the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, 2022 –

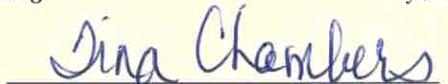
  
Todd Little, Ellis County Judge

  
Randy Stinson, Commissioner, Precinct 1

  
Lane Grayson, Commissioner, Precinct 2

  
Paul Perry, Commissioner, Precinct 3

  
Kyle Butler, Commissioner, Precinct 4

  
Attest: Krystal Valdez, County Clerk  
Deputy