

## 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

**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

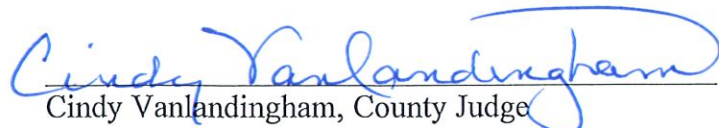
**WHEREAS,** elder abuse is everyone's business, it's important to strengthen our efforts to prevent, report and address elder abuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I Cindy Vanlandingham, Judge of Bosque County in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 to be:

### *“Elder Abuse Awareness Month”*

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

**WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES and SEAL OF OFFICE** this 20th day of May 2024.

  
Cindy Vanlandingham, County Judge