

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, June is Elder Abuse Prevention Month in Texas and approximately 1 in 10 Americans 65 and older, have experienced some form of mistreatment; and

WHEREAS, loneliness and isolation can make seniors more vulnerable to abuse, neglect and exploitation. It can happen to both men and women of all income levels including individuals of all cultural and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, ACTIONS, Inc. of Brazoria County and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services — Adult Protective Services Division (APS) are joining forces to raise awareness about abuse, neglect and exploitation of seniors and vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS, last year APS investigated 1,050 cases of abuse, neglect and exploitation of older adults or people with disabilities in Brazoria County; and

WHEREAS, ACTIONS, Inc. of Brazoria County and APS have partnered with other agencies in Brazoria County to collaborate in the assessment, investigation, and protection of elderly victims of abuse, neglect and exploitation, resulting in increased prosecution of perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, abuse hurts at any age and all people deserve dignity, respect, and the right to live in a society free from abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Brazoria County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 to be

## **ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

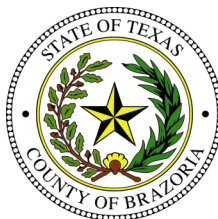
in Brazoria County and urge all residents to work together to reduce abuse, neglect, and exploitation of seniors and people with disabilities.

APPROVED this 11th day of June, 2024.

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Brazoria County Judge

L. M. “Matt” Sebesta, Jr.



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