PROCLAMATION

Designating May as ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, people who are elderly or have disabilities have contributed to the general welfare of Clay County by helping to preserve customs, conviction, 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 widespread problem, affecting hundreds of thousands of people across the country; and

WHEREAS, Texas is home to more than 2.5 million elderly residents and there are tens of thousands of elder abuse cases each year; and

WHEREAS, Texas has a duty to protect people of all ages from abuse, neglect and exploitation;

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott has proclaimed May 2015 to be Elder Abuse Prevention Month in Texas,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Commissioners Court of Clay County, Texas does hereby declare May 2015 as Elder Abuse Prevention Month in Clay County and encourages all residents to stand united against elder abuse and neglect and to join in dedicating their energies to urge all citizens to work together to help reduce abuse and neglect of people who are elderly or have disabilities.

Signed this 11th day of May, 2015.

Kenneth Ligger County Judge

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