

Proclamation

WHEREAS, People who are elderly or have disabilities have contributed to the general welfare Of Fort Bend County by helping to preserve customs, convictions, 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 wide-spread problem, affecting hundreds of thousands of people across the country; and

WHEREAS, Abuse affected more than 82,000 Texans who are elderly or have disabilities in Fiscal Year 2006, more than 14,000 Texans living in the greater Houston area, and 500 Texans living in Fort Bend County; and

WHEREAS, Elder abuse happens to men and women of all income levels, all cultural and ethnic groups, whether they are in good health or incapacitated in some way, in poor neighborhoods and in suburbia; and

WHEREAS, Many of the cases investigated by Adult Protective Services in Texas involve self-neglect and it is our duty as citizens to reach out to people in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert E. Hebert, County Judge of Fort Bend County, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2007 as:

Elder Abuse Prevention Month

and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce abuse and neglect of people who are elderly or have disabilities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused the official seal of the County Judge to be affixed this 22nd day of May, 2007.

Robert E. Hebert
Fort Bend County Judge