## Proclamation

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## Mayor of the City of Benton, Texas

To all to whom these presents shall come,

Greetings:

WHEREAS, older adults and people with disabilities contribute to the wellbeing of the City

of Denton 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 more than 100,000 older adults and people with disabilities in Texas

in 2022; and

WHEREAS, abuse against older adults and people with disabilities is grossly underreported

because of social stigma, embarrassment, and fear; and

WHEREAS, it's important to strengthen our efforts to prevent, report and address elder

abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor of the City of Denton, Texas, do hereby declare and

proclaim June 2023 as

## "ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Denton and encourage our community to care compassionately for our elders and those with disabilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Denton, Texas to be affixed this the month of June 2023.

GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JESUS SALAZAR, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

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