2018 Proclamation Declaring
May as Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

WHEREAS, People who are elderly or have disabilities have contributed to the general welfare of **Bowie 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, Texas APS In-Home Caseworkers in **Bowie County** have investigated **390** intakes of which **122** cases of Abuse, Neglect and/or Exploitation were confirmed against our elderly Texans or those with disabilities in **2017**;

WHEREAS, Elder abuse is grossly underreported because the elderly who are being abused find it very difficult to tell anyone and are usually ashamed and sometimes afraid; 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 James M. Carlow, Bowie County Judge do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018 to be Elder Abuse Prevention Month in **Bowie County** and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce abuse and neglect of people who are elderly or have disabilities.

Dated this **14th day of May, 2018**

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THE STATE OF TEXAS)(
)(IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS
COUNTY OF BOWIE)(

The following is submitted to the Court for approval and filing in the minutes of the Court:

Bowie County Accounts/Monthly for period ending April, 2018.

Donna Burns

Donna Burns, County Treasurer

The foregoing report shall be entered in the minutes of the Court on this the 14th day of May, 2018.

James M. Carlow, County Judge

Sammy Stone, Commissioner Pct. 1

Tom Whitten, Commissioner Pct. 2

James Strain, Commissioner Pct. 3

Mike Carter, Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:_____
County Clerk

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2018

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 23rd day of April, 2018, the HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS COURT of New Boston, Texas met in REGULAR SESSION at the Courthouse of said County in New Boston, Texas after due notice had been posted on the 20th day of April, 2018 with the HONORABLE JUDGE JAMES M. CARLOW present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

Sammy Stone	Commissioner Pct. #1
Tom Whitten	Commissioner Pct. #2
James Strain	Commissioner Pct. #3
Mike Carter	Commissioner Pct. #4

Also in attendance were the following County Officials:

- County Auditor William Tye
- County Clerk Tina Petty
- County Legal Advisor Carol Dalby

And the following staff member also present:

- Administrative Assistant Deborah Lann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 9:00 A.M. when the following ORDERS, JUDGMENTS and DECREES were had and ORDERED spread upon the minutes of the Court to-wit.

Item 1: There was no Public Comments.

Item 2: There was no Commissioners Court response to Public Comments.

Item 3: On this 23rd day of April, 2018, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the 2018 Bowie County Resolution to request for reimbursement for Indigent Inmate Representation.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.

Item 4: On this 23rd day of April, 2018, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to appoint Steve Mayo to the Board of Directors of TexAmericas Center.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.

Item 5: On this 23rd day of April, 2018, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to renew the contract for Dr. Holland (physician and medical director for the Texarkana-Bowie County Health Center).
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.

Item 6: On this 23rd day of April, 2018, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to consider and take action to approve the agreement between Bowie County, Texarkana, Texas and the Texarkana-Bowie County Health Center.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.

Item 7: On this 23rd day of April, 2018, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the bond of Curtis Cole as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.

Item 8: On this 23rd day of April, 2018, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to abandon Black Road in Precinct 1.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.

Item 9: On this 23rd day of April, 2018, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the bond of Jennifer Beckett as First Assistant to the Auditor.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.

Item 10: On this 23rd day of April, 2018, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a contract between the Department of State Health Services Vital Statistics Section and Bowie County Clerk's Office for issuing birth certificates.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.

Item 11: On this 23rd day of April, 2018, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Treasurer's Investment Report as of March 31, 2018.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.

Item 12: On this 23rd day of April, 2018, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.

Item 13: There were no budget adjustments (line item transfers).

Item 14: On this 23rd day of April, 2018, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to pay the bills.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Judge Carlow did not vote.
Motion carried.

Item 15: On this 23rd day of April, 2018, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the minutes as an Order of the Court (April 9, 2018).
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.

On this 23rd day of April, 2018, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to adjourn.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.