

TITUS COUNTY

Titus County Courthouse

Danny P. Crooks
County Judge



Proclamation Declaring May as Elder Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, People who are elderly or have disabilities have contributed to the general welfare of Titus 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 Workers completed 67,023 investigations of which 45,392 cases of Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation were confirmed against our elderly Texans or those with disabilities in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Elder abuse is grossly under-reported 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 neighborhood 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 concerned citizens to reach out to people in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Danny Pat Crooks, Titus County Judge, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2006 to be Elder Abuse Prevention Month in Titus County, Texas, and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce abuse and neglect of people who are elderly or have disabilities.

Dated this 25th day of April, 2006.



Danny P. Crooks, Titus County Judge