

PROCLAMATION OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

WHEREAS, every year, thousands of elderly and disabled citizens are victims of abuse, neglect and exploitation and denied many of their rights; because elder abuse knows no boundaries as it affects all racial, cultural, religious and socio-economic groups; and because in 2009, more than 89,489 in-home intakes were received, 72,265 investigations were completed, and 50,936 cases were confirmed with victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of elderly and disabled people in Texas and Austin County should be one of our highest priorities and of concern to all Texans; and because no aspect of our society, culture, technology, agriculture, science, sports, or education would enjoy its current prominence without the contribution from those who are elderly or have disabilities; and

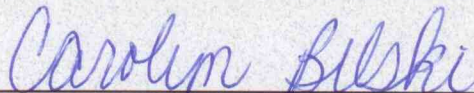
WHEREAS, we recognize the benefits of wisdom, strength, courage and knowledge of the elderly and disabled; and because the experience of their generation and contributions can only aid our great State of Texas in meeting the challenges of its future; and because people who are elderly or have disabilities are among the most important resources of this great State; and because it is fitting that we as a community recognize the need to protect their health, safety and rights; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I Carolyn Bilski, County Judge on behalf of Commissioners Court of Austin County, Texas do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2010 as

"OLDER AMERICANS MONTH"

In Austin County, and urge all citizens to work together in the years to come to help reduce abuse, neglect and exploitation of people who are elderly and disabled; and support this year's theme **"IT'S EVERYONE'S BUSINESS."**

Signed this 26th day of April, 2010 in Austin County, Texas by:



Carolyn Bilski

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