

# *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,** More than 83,605 in-home intakes were received, 68,683 investigations were completed, and 48,380 cases were confirmed with victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation in the State of Texas; 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 involved 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, 2009 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

*Robert Hebert*

Robert E. Hebert  
Fort Bend County Judge