



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 6/25/15
Agenda Item #: R.7
Est. Start Time: Approx. 10:30 am
Date Submitted: 6/17/15

Agenda Title: **PROCLAMATION Proclaiming June 25, 2015 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Multnomah County**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: June 25, 2015 Time Needed: 20 Minutes
Department: Non-Departmental Division: District 3 and 4
Contact(s): Adam Renon (District 3); George Hocker (District 4)
988-5126; 988- 85126,
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Presenter

Name(s) &

Title(s): Kathryn Tennyson, Mark Sanford, Barbara Bernstein, and invited guests

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approve a proclamation recognizing June 25, 2015 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Multnomah County.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Elder abuse is a serious public health problem affecting millions of older Americans each year. Elder abuse is defined as intentional actions that cause harm or create a serious risk of harm to an older person (whether or not harm is intended). Elder abuse encompasses physical abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, sexual abuse, as well as emotional and psychological abuse.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) was launched in 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization. The purpose of WEAAD is to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect. In addition, WEAAD is in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action acknowledging the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue. WEAAD serves as a call-to-action for individuals, organizations, and communities to raise awareness about elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Multnomah County has a number of programs and initiatives designed to investigate and prevent elder abuse. WEAAD is an opportunity to highlight those projects, and highlight work that still needs to be done.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

N/A

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

N/A

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Officials from the State's Attorney General's Office support the County's effort through the Interagency Committee on Abuse Prevention. Multnomah County also partners with Elders in Action in many efforts designed to curb elder abuse.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department**

Director: Matthew Lashua /s/ **Date:** 6/17/15

Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/ - we no longer use actual signatures. Please insert date approved.