

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming June 15, 2018 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Elder abuse is an issue that affects millions of older Americans each year. It takes many forms, including physical abuse, neglect, exploitation, and abandonment.
- b. The effects of this abuse causes widespread social problems, and often leads to extreme distress for the victims and their loved ones.
- c. Most abuse occurs in the home, with family members or caregivers taking advantage of individuals who rely on these same people to provide support, assistance or care.
- d. It can be difficult to intervene in these situations and even more difficult to create lasting change.
- e. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners is committed to responding to this problem.
- f. The recently adopted Fiscal Year 2019 budget contains funding for a new Domestic Violence Response Advocate Position that will enhance collaboration between domestic violence, adult protective services and law enforcement.
- g. This collaboration will allow each program to optimize the services they provide.
- h. Adult protective services will investigate and link victims with services, domestic and sexual violence will provide additional resources and short term case management and the police bureau will intervene to hold perpetrators accountable for their actions.
- i. Multnomah County is committed to establishing a community where all seniors are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve.
- j. The County will continue its efforts to ensure seniors are able to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and essential members of our community.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

June 15, 2018 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Multnomah County. We urge all public agencies, the private sector, advocates and citizens to commit to building safer communities for our elder residents.

ADOPTED this 14th day of June, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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