

State of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2006, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and

WHEREAS, every year on June 15th World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is commemorated in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, WEAAD raises awareness about the millions of older adults who experience elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation; and

WHEREAS, as many as 1 in 10 older Americans are abused or neglected each year and only 1 in 14 cases of elder abuse ever comes to the attention of authorities; and

WHEREAS, its recognition will promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults and the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent and address elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, as our population lives longer, we are presented with an opportunity to think about our collective needs and future as a nation; and

WHEREAS, ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse in the United States; and

WHEREAS, older adults are vital, contributing members of our society and deserve to be treated with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections and by enabling elders to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers, reduces the likelihood of abuse; and

WHEREAS, preventing abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, human services and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities; and

WHEREAS, where there is justice there can be no abuse; therefore, the National Center on Elder Abuse urges all people to restore justice by honoring older adults; and

WHEREAS, all of us have a critical role to play to focus attention on elder justice and putting an end to abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize June 15, 2019 as

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Florida and encourage all of our communities to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our country.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee this 4th day of June, 2019.

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GOVERNOR

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