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World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Resolution



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today presented a resolution to the Governor and Florida Cabinet recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Proclaimed by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse in 2006, the day recognizes elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is commemorated every year on June 15 in the United States and around the world. The resolution passed unanimously.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “Florida is home to millions of senior citizens and is first in the United States for populations of 65 years or older per capita. Our office is strongly committed to making sure seniors are protected from fraud and abuse and that they are treated with dignity and respect. That is why one of my first actions as Attorney General was to create a Senior Protection Team focused on protecting older Floridians. I am proud to sponsor and pass this resolution to raise awareness about elder abuse, and I remain committed to doing everything in my power to protect seniors.”

Department of Elder Affairs Secretary Richard Prudom and Florida Department of Law Enforcement Assistant Commissioner Jennifer Pritt accepted the resolution at the Florida Cabinet Meeting. DOEA partners with the Attorney General’s Office and other state agencies to provide essential services and resources to senior citizens to live healthy, active and fulfilling lives.

To view a copy of the resolution unveiled at today's Florida Cabinet Meeting by Attorney General Moody, click here.

As part of Attorney General Moody's efforts to stop elder abuse, Attorney General Moody launched the Senior Protection Team earlier this year. The Team is an intra-agency group of experts working together to fight fraud and abuse. The team also identifies emerging scams, spots trends and stays ahead of technology used to prey on seniors.

For more information on Attorney General Moody's Senior Protection Team, click here.

Attorney General Moody will host the upcoming Senior Scam Stopper Workshop and Awards program on June 14 in The Villages. This free workshop is designed to help seniors learn how to spot and stop fraud.

For more information on the Senior Scam Stopper Workshop and Awards program, click here.