

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and vital participating members of our communities; and

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, June 15, 2021 marks the 15th annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, recognizing and promoting better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes the importance of taking action to raise awareness and prevent elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, close collaboration among public safety and human services providers has helped to identify abusive situations that are often hidden, and the Seattle Human Services Department, through its Aging and Disability Services division, provides case managers to support older people who have experienced exploitation, neglect, abandonment, or physical or emotional abuse; and

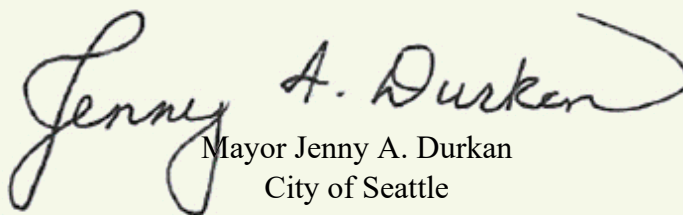
WHEREAS, although older adults contribute to the success and vitality of our city, ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that it is up to all of us to ensure that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of abuse; and

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

*NOW, THEREFORE I, JENNY A. DURKAN, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM
JUNE 15, 2021 TO BE*

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Seattle


Mayor Jenny A. Durkan
City of Seattle

