

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all people deserve to be free to live their best lives and be treated with respect and dignity, regardless of age or ability; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse—the use of power and control to inflict physical, sexual, emotional, or financial injury or harm upon an older adult with whom a person has an ongoing relationship—is both widespread and underreported; and

WHEREAS, we know that abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation affect thousands of older people in the greater Seattle area every year; and

WHEREAS, abuse in later life occurs in all communities, and affects people of all ethnic, cultural, racial, economic, and religious backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, ageism, ableism, social isolation, fear, and harm weaken the fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle collaborates with professionals from across disciplines to improve the systemic response to cases of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle/King County Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team comprises Seattle Human Services elder abuse case managers and representatives from the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Adult Protective Services, the King County Sheriff's Office, the state Developmental Disabilities Administration, medical professionals (including geriatricians), law enforcement officers, emergency services personnel, financial managers, and others to address cases involving older adult who experience any form of abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the United Nations designated June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day to raise awareness of abuse and neglect of older adults as a public health and human rights issue, increase detection, and encourage reporting;

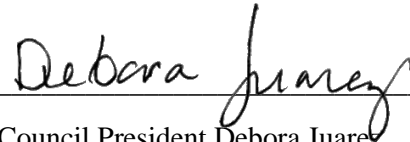
*THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIM
JUNE 15, 2022 TO BE*

Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Seattle

We call upon the people of Seattle to observe this day, increase awareness of elder abuse issues, support community connections for older people that reduce the likelihood of abuse, learn the signs that abuse may be occurring, and know that confidential and professional resources for abused elders are available in our community by calling 1-866-EndHarm (1-866-363-4276).



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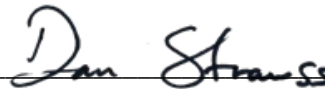
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