

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

PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-038

Proclaiming June 15, 2020 as 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 adults each year. It takes many forms, including physical abuse, verbal abuse, neglect, exploitation, as well as issues of self-neglect.
- b. People 60 years and older have been asked to take extreme caution because of COVID-19, including limiting contact with people outside of their own household. In some situations, this increased isolation and reduced contact with caregivers, friends, family or medical providers may result in additional risk for older adults.
- c. Recognizing and reporting abuse or concerns for the well-being of older adults in our community is up to all of us. Despite the need to stay physically apart, we must ensure that strong community support and social connections exist in order to reduce the likelihood of abuse and self-neglect.
- d. Providing education around recognizing the signs of abuse or self-neglect and encouraging the public to engage in intentional and creative outreach to older adults is important to supporting their well-being and safety.
- e. Multnomah County recognizes the important link between social connections and overall physical and mental health. During this time, the encouragement and promotion of safe social connections will help

to ensure older adults continue to be thriving members of our communities.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

June 15, 2020 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Multnomah County. We urge all agencies, advocates and citizens to commit to building safer communities for our elder residents. We ask everyone to reach out and connect with an older adult in your life. Connection through phone, email, letter or virtual visiting can have a critical impact to ensure people stay socially connected and able to access needed support for their physical and emotional well-being.

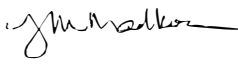
ADOPTED this 4th day of June, 2020.



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