

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

PROCLAMATION NO. 2021-041

Proclaiming June 15, 2021 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Multnomah County is home to more than 150,000 residents age 60 and over. Older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and thriving members of our communities.
- b. 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.
- c. The past year has presented many challenges for older adults, particularly limited contact with friends, family and others outside of their household due to COVID. In some situations, this increased isolation and reduced contact with caregivers, friends, family or medical providers may have resulted in additional risk for older adults.
- d. Older adults may not be able or willing to report abuse themselves. Whether you are a family member, friend, paid or other professional support, the responsibility to recognize and report abuse or concerns for their well-being is up to all of us.
- e. Partnerships throughout Multnomah County are an important piece in addressing the issue of elder abuse. Private organizations, advocacy groups, senior centers, human services, as well as our connection with local law enforcement agencies are all valuable and needed partners in reporting and responding to these concerns.
- f. The promotion of social connection, respect and inclusion of older adults are important steps in building strong community connections and reducing the likelihood of abuse and neglect.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

June 15, 2021 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Multnomah County. We encourage all agencies, advocates and citizens to recognize the importance of building a safe and inclusion community for our elder residents.

ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2021.



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