

## MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

### PROCLAMATION NO. 19

Proclaiming June 15th, 2025, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

#### **Multnomah County Finds:**

- A. Older adults deserve to be safe and should be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and thriving members of our communities. Elder Abuse Awareness Day is an opportunity to promote a better understanding of the issue of abuse.
- B. Elder abuse is estimated to impact 1 in 10 older Americans (USC Center for Elder Justice). It takes many forms, including physical abuse, verbal abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and issues of self-neglect. Elder abuse may be perpetrated by family members, friends, caregivers, or strangers.
- C. Older adults experience abuse that is often unreported. Multnomah County is committed to maintaining connection and necessary support services through its Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services programs, as well as creating a stronger society that safeguards our communities and prevents abuse.
- D. Recognizing and reporting abuse or concerns for the well-being of older adults to Adult Protective Services is a responsibility shared by all of us. Supporting the well-being and safety of older adults requires us to educate ourselves and our community to recognize the signs of abuse and to share information with the older adults in our work and our lives.
- E. Effectively responding to elder abuse requires a connected and coordinated local services system. Adult Protective Services administers a reporting system and investigates reports of elder abuse. Collaboration throughout the County and community is imperative. We recognize the important partnerships that support the well-being, safety, and independence of our most vulnerable citizens.

**Multnomah County Proclaims:**

June 15, 2025, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Multnomah County. We encourage all agencies, advocates, and citizens to recognize the importance of building a safe and inclusive community for older adults.

**ADOPTED this 4th day of June, 2025.**

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