

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

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-051**

**Proclaiming June 15th, 2023 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 ages 60 and over. 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.
- b. Elder Abuse Awareness Day is an opportunity for our community to raise awareness and promote a better understanding of the issue of abuse, neglect and self-neglect of older persons.
- c. Elder abuse is an issue that affects millions of older adults each year. It takes many forms, including physical abuse, verbal abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, as well as issues of self-neglect. Elder abuse may be perpetrated by family members, friends, caregivers and strangers.
- d. Recognizing and reporting abuse or concerns for the well being of older adults in our community is a responsibility shared by all of us. Providing education around recognizing the signs of abuse or self neglect and encouraging the public to share information with older adults is important to supporting their well being and safety.
- e. Effectively responding to elder abuse requires a connected and coordinated local services system. Collaboration throughout Multnomah County and the community are an important partnership that supports the well-being, safety and independence of our most vulnerable citizens.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

June 15, 2023 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 15th day of June, 2023.**



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Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair

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