

**RECOGNIZING JUNE 15, 2014 AS
WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY
IN DANE COUNTY**

WHEREAS every year, more than two million disabled and elderly citizens are victims of physical, emotional, sexual abuse and neglect, and financial exploitation and they are denied many of their rights; and

WHEREAS in 2012, there were 6,335 reports of elder abuse in Wisconsin, and last year there were 487 reports of elder abuse in Dane County, and many situations remain unreported; and

WHEREAS older persons in our communities have the right to be protected under the law from financial, physical, emotional and sexual abuse as well as neglect and self-neglect; and

WHEREAS many Dane County officials and departments work to protect elderly citizens, including the Dane County Department of Human Services Adult Protective Services Unit which investigates reports of elder abuse and neglect in the community; the Dane County District Attorney's Office which prosecutes cases of elder abuse and neglect as well as provides advocacy and assistance with claims for restitution; the Dane County Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement agencies which provide safety for victims, investigate allegations and arrest alleged offenders of elder abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS all citizens should be aware of and educated about elder abuse prevention, and all members of the community should be able to live safe and secure lives without fear of neglect, pain or exploitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes June 15, 2014 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Dane County.