2016 RES-050
RECOGNIZING JUNE 15, 2016 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, and sexual abuse and neglect, and financial exploitation and they are denied many of their rights; 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, in 2014, there were 6,927 reports of abuse relating to elderly citizens in the State of Wisconsin, and there were 460 reports of elder abuse reported in Dane County and there are situations relating to vulnerable adults that remain unreported; and

WHEREAS, the issue of elder abuse prevention requires continual community awareness and education; and

WHEREAS, the Dane County Department of Human Services Adult Protective Services Unit investigates reports of elder abuse and neglect in the community and also works to increase public awareness to prevent elder abuse in our communities; and the Dane County District Attorney's Office is charged with prosecuting cases of elder abuse and neglect as well as providing advocacy and assistance with claims for restitution; and the Dane County Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement agencies 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−especially those most vulnerable− should be able to live safe and secure lives without fear of neglect, pain or exploitation; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse and neglect should not be ignored nor tolerated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that June 15, 2016 be recognized as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Dane County.

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Sharon Corrigan, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisors

Signed and sealed before me this
2nd day of June, 2016

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Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk