

2020 RES-055
RECOGNIZING JUNE 15, 2020 AS WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY IN
DANE COUNTY

WHEREAS, every year, between one and two million elderly residents are victims of physical, emotional, sexual abuse and neglect, and financial exploitation and 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 in 2019, there were more than 8,000 reports of abuse relating to elderly residents in the State of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, in Dane County, Wisconsin, 498 reports of elder abuse were investigated and in knowing there are situations relating to vulnerable adults that remain unreported; and 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

WHEREAS, 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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes June 15, 2020 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Dane County.

Analiese Eicher, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2020.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk