

2022 RES-054
RECOGNIZING JUNE 15, 2022, AS WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY IN
DANE COUNTY

WHEREAS, older adults age 65 or older comprise 16% (1 in 7) of the total population in the United States of America, and at least 10% of adults age 65 and older will experience some form of elder abuse in a given year, with some older adults simultaneously experiencing more than one type of physical, sexual, financial, emotional abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, older adults 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 2021 there were more than 10,000 reports of abuse relating to elderly residents in the State of Wisconsin, and, in Dane County, 378 reports of elder abuse were investigated in 2021, and many other instances of elder abuse go unreported; and

WHEREAS, the Dane County Department of Human Services Adult Protective Services Unit investigates reports of elder abuse and neglect in the community while also working to increase public awareness to prevent elder abuse in Dane County; 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 in cases of elder abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Dane County residents should be aware of and educated about elder abuse and neglect 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors acknowledges that elder abuse prevention requires continual community awareness and education and recognizes June 15, 2022, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Dane County.

Patrick Miles, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2022.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk