

**2021 RES-053**

**RECOGNIZING JUNE 15, 2021 AS WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY IN  
DANE COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, older adults age 65 or older comprise 14.9% of the total population in the USA; 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 abuse: physical, sexual, financial, emotional, 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 in 2020, there were more than 8,000 reports of abuse relating to elderly residents in the State of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, in Dane County, Wisconsin, 389 reports of elder abuse were investigated and, knowing there are situations relating to vulnerable adults that remain unreported, 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 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, 2021 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Dane County.

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Analiene Eicher, Chair  
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Scott McDonell,  
Dane County Clerk