



**MUNICIPAL PROCLAMATION
 WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY
 June 15, 2017**

- WHEREAS:** Older Ontarians deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this province; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2006, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and
- WHEREAS:** 2017 marks the 12th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Its recognition will promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and
- WHEREAS:** Elder Abuse Ontario and the **insert network name** recognize the importance of taking action to create social change to prevent and raise awareness to educate older adults of their rights; and
- WHEREAS:** Locally, thousands of seniors are at risk of being abused each year; and
- WHEREAS:** Ageism is a major cause of elder abuse in Ontario; and
- WHEREAS:** Preventing abuse of older adults will help improve their quality of life and allow older adults to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of Ontario; and
- WHEREAS:** Where there is respect there can be no abuse; therefore, residents of **insert region** are urged to *Stop Abuse and Restore Respect*.

THEREFORE; I, _____ **of** _____, Ontario do hereby proclaim June 15, 2017 as **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** in _____, Ontario and encourage all of our residents to recognize and celebrate seniors and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of Ontario.

Dated on this day of _____, 2017 by _____