



Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING JUNE 15 AS WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, Older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity as vital contributors to our community, serving as leaders, mentors, volunteers and more;

WHEREAS, The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) in 2006 proclaimed June 15th as a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue;

WHEREAS, June 15, 2023, marks the 15th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day; its recognition promoting a better understanding of the impact of abuse and neglect of older adults; and

WHEREAS, The Kalamazoo County Area Agency on Aging, IIIA, along with the Kalamazoo County Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition recognize the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent and address elder abuse;

WHEREAS, We, as a community, have collective responsibility to understand and respond to the needs of all of our residents, including recognizing the importance of elder abuse prevention by promoting education and strengthening social supports for elders; and

WHEREAS, Everywhere there is justice there can be no abuse, and it is up to all of us to ensure that proper social structures exist to engage all people, reducing the likelihood of abuse, isolation and ageism; now, therefore be it

Proclaimed, That the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners proclaims June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Kalamazoo County and encourages all residents to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of Kalamazoo County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Kalamazoo, Michigan to be affixed this 16th, day of May 2023.

Adopted: May 16, 2023

Moved	Strebs
Seconded	Wheeler

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): Deleeuw, Gisler, Heppler, Mazer, Morales, Rey, Strebs, Taylor, Wheeler; No (0): None; Abstains (0): None; Absent (0): None

John Taylor, Chair
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, Meredith Place, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Kalamazoo County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at the meeting held on May 16, 2023. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have hereunto affixed by signature this 17th Day of May 2023.

