



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners PROCLAMATION Elder Abuse Awareness Month: June 2022

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, in 2006, 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, June 15, 2022 marks the 16th 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; and

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;

WHEREAS, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does support Elder Abuse Awareness in Kalamazoo County during the month of June, 2022, and encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of Kalamazoo County.

STATE OF MICHIGAN }
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO }

I, Meredith Place, County Clerk/Register, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Proclamation adopted by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on June 7, 2022.

Meredith Place, County Clerk/Register