

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all people deserve to feel safe and be treated with respect and dignity, regardless of age or ability; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse—the intentional act or failure to act that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult—is both widespread, affecting thousands of older people in the greater Seattle area every year, and underreported, with numbers based to a great extent on emergency department treatment; and

WHEREAS, abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation are experienced by about one in ten people aged 60 and older who live at home in the United States, in all communities, and among people of all ethnic, cultural, racial, economic, and religious backgrounds, and one in six globally; and

WHEREAS, ageism, ableism, social isolation, anxiety, fear, and physical and emotional harm weaken the fabric of our families and our communities and can lead to early death; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle collaborates with professionals from across disciplines, including the Seattle/King County Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team, comprising Seattle Human Services Department elder abuse case managers, law enforcement officers, and emergency services personnel; representatives from the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Adult Protective Services, the King County Sheriff's Office, and the state Developmental Disabilities Administration; medical professionals (including geriatricians); financial managers; and others to improve the systemic response to cases of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation; and

WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15) dates to 2006, created to raise awareness of abuse and neglect of older adults as a public health and human rights issue, increase detection, and encourage reporting of abuse;

*THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIM
JUNE 15, 2023 TO BE*

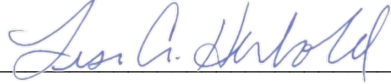
Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Seattle

We call upon the people of Seattle to observe this day, increase awareness of elder abuse issues, engage, and help build strong support for older people, learn the signs that abuse may be

occurring, and know that confidential and professional resources for abused elders are available by calling 1-866-EndHarm (1-866-363-4276).



Mayor Bruce Harrell



Councilmember Lisa Herbold



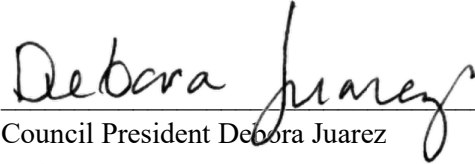
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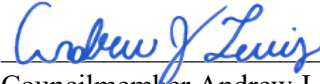
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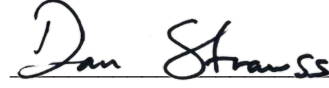
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