



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, observed annually on June 15, was established by the United Nations General Assembly through Resolution 66/127 to raise awareness of elder abuse and encourage action to protect older adults around the world; and

Whereas: as populations age and life expectancy increases, elder abuse remains a growing and serious issue that threatens the health, safety, dignity and human rights of older adults; and

Whereas: elder abuse can take many forms, including physical, emotional, sexual and financial abuse, as well as neglect and exploitation, and often occurs at the hands of trusted individuals; and

Whereas: older adults may face barriers to reporting abuse, including fear, isolation, dependency, language barriers and physical or cognitive challenges, making community awareness and support critically important; and

Whereas: the City of Bellevue is committed to supporting the safety, dignity, independence and well-being of older adults through programs, services and partnerships that help residents age safely and remain connected to their community; and

Whereas: preventing elder abuse is a shared responsibility, and Bellevue encourages all residents to learn the signs of abuse, support older adults in their lives and report concerns when abuse, neglect or exploitation is suspected.

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **June 15, 2026, as:**

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

in Bellevue, Washington and urge all residents to join in raising awareness, preventing elder abuse and helping ensure that all older adults are treated with dignity, respect and care.

Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
City of Bellevue