



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was established in 2006 to encourage public awareness and action against abuse of older adults, including physical abuse, psychological or verbal abuse, sexual abuse, financial exploitation, and neglect; and

Whereas: Bellevue's older adults are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity; and

Whereas: Abuse of older adults is under-identified, under-reported and crosses all socio-economic boundaries. A review in the New England Journal of Medicine found that elder abuse affects approximately 10% of older adults; and

Whereas: Combating elder abuse will help improve quality of life and will allow older adults to continue to live as independently as possible; and

Whereas: Bellevue's older adults should be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **June 15, 2022** as:

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

in Bellevue and urge everyone to commit to building safer communities for our aging residents.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue