Whereas: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was established in 2006 to encourage public

awareness and action against elder abuse; 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 a tragedy inflicted on a growing number of vulnerable

populations and crosses all socio-economic boundaries; and

Whereas: Combating abuse of older adults 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 serving 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, 2023**, 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