

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

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, 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 to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community.

Now, therefore, I, Claudia Balducci, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **Monday, June 15, 2015** as:

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

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

Claudia Balducci
Mayor