

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

***Now, therefore, I,*** John Stokes, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **Thursday, June 15, 2017** as:

**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

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

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John Stokes  
Mayor