

- *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 Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the Saturday of **June 15th**, **2019** as:

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

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

John Chelminiak, Mayor City of Bellevue