

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, as our population lives longer, our society is presented with opportunities to collectively provide awareness about senior issues and needs; and,

WHEREAS, older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities; and,

WHEREAS, elder abuse, neglect and exploitation of our senior community is a public concern often caused by ageism and social isolation in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, in 2006, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and,

WHEREAS, The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and the City of Lee's Summit acknowledge the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent and address elder abuse and to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults.

WHEREAS, preventing abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, human services and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities; and,

WHEREAS, awareness of elder abuse is the first step to engage and empower seniors and promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William A. Baird, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2019 as

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

and encourage our community to honor and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our country.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, this 2nd day of May 2019.





MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD