



PROCLAMATION

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15, 2021

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, Jefferson County has the largest older adult population, at 99,000, 65 years and older, in the State of Colorado and by 2035 older adults are projected to outnumber children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse in the United States and at least 10% of adults 65 years and older, will experience some form of elder abuse in a given year; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that it is up to all of us, to ensure that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of abuse; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, of the State of Colorado, that June 15, 2021 be declared as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in this county.

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Lesley Dahlkemper, Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andy Kerr".

Andy Kerr, Chair Pro Tem

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "TKA".

Tracy Kraft-Tharp, Commissioner



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