

STATE OF COLORADO

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON



PROCLAMATION

**Worldwide Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

**June 15, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, proclaimed June 15 to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue;

**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;

**WHEREAS**, at least 10% of adults age 65 and older will experience some form of elder abuse in a given year, with some older adults simultaneously experiencing more than one type of abuse; and only 1 in 24 cases are reported to authorities;

**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**, join us in our engaging and empowering movement and putting an end to abuse; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, of the State of Colorado, that June 15, 2022 be declared as Worldwide Elder Abuse Awareness Day in this county.

Andy Kerr, Chair

Tracy Kraft-Tharp, Chair Pro Tem

Lesley Dahlkemper, Commissioner



**JEFFERSON** COUNTY COLORADO

Dated: June 14, 2022