



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Category: Proclamation

Item No:

Meeting Date: 06/08/2021

Originating Department: BOCC

Issue: In the Matter of Proclaiming June 15, 2021 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Klamath County, Oregon.

Background: Read proclamation.

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended Motion: None.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KLAMATH COUNTY, OREGON**

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING)
JUNE 15, 2021 AS)
ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY) PROCLAMATION
IN KLAMATH COUNTY, OREGON)**

WHEREAS, Thousands of vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities are victimized every year by financial exploitation, physical, sexual or emotional abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, Elder abuse happens to men and women of all income levels, all cultural and ethnic groups, whether they are in good health or incapacitated in some way, in poor neighborhoods and in suburbia; and

WHEREAS, Incidents of abuse and neglect take place in the home and in facilities, and are perpetrated by family members, friends, caregivers and strangers; and

WHEREAS, Elder abuse is grossly underreported because the elderly who are being abused find it very difficult to tell anyone and are usually ashamed and sometimes afraid; and

WHEREAS, Signs of animal abuse and neglect are an early warning sign of a senior's need for assistance, all citizens are encouraged to work together in reporting animal cruelty for the welfare and safety of our vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Oregon law enforcement community, adult protective service staff, and advocates have forged a stronger working relationship through community based multidisciplinary teams to prevent and prosecute abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Oregonians need to be better informed on preventative measures and the indicators of abuse and neglect; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Klamath County Board of Commissioners, that **June 15th, 2021 is designated as Elder Abuse Awareness Day** in Klamath County, Oregon. We encourage all citizens of Klamath County to unite as a community to support our aging and people with disabilities.

DONE AND DATED this 8th day of June, 2021

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Vice-Chair

Commissioner

