

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



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, 2021 marks the 15th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and

WHEREAS, the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and Adult Protective Services of Montana recognize the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent, and address elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, it is up to all of us to ensure that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, which reduces 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 aging populations to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to our communities; and

WHEREAS, where there is justice there can be no abuse; therefore, Adult Protective Services urges all people to restore justice by honoring older adults;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2021 to be

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

in Montana to urge others to join the movement to put an end to elder abuse.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor