



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched on June 15, 2006, by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations; and

WHEREAS: Elder Abuse Awareness Day provides an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons; and

WHEREAS: According to the World Health Organization, approximately one in six people 60 years and older experienced some form of abuse in community settings in the United States in the past year; and

WHEREAS: Elder abuse can include physical abuse, emotional and psychological abuse, sexual abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, and abandonment; and

WHEREAS: Abuse and neglect can have serious physical and psychological effects on older adults, including higher rates of depression and social withdrawal, increased hospitalization, and premature death; and

WHEREAS: The abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of elders and vulnerable adults are still under-recognized and largely unspoken problems; and

WHEREAS: Elder Abuse Awareness Day provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the mistreatment and neglect faced by older adults while encouraging communities, organizations, and individuals to recognize the signs of abuse and take action to protect the rights of seniors; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota recognizes and celebrates older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of the state and encourages all people to join in raising awareness to prevent elder abuse and ensure Minnesota remains an accessible, inclusive, and safe state for people of all ages.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 18, 2025, as:

ELDER ABUSE
AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be
affixed at the State Capitol this 18th day of June.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

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Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State, Steve Simon