

STATE OF KANSAS



**PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR**

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETING

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, in 2006, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and

WHEREAS, 2018 marks the sixth Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Its recognition will promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and

WHEREAS, The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and Kansas Advocates for Better Care (KABC) recognize the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent, and address elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, as our population lives longer, we are presented with an opportunity to think about our collective needs and future as a nation; and

WHEREAS, ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse in the United States; 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

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

WHEREAS, join us in our engaging and empowering movement, and putting an end to abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Colyer, M.D., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2018, as

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

in Kansas and encourage all of our communities to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our country.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 13th day of June,
A.D. 2018

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Handwritten signature of Jeff Colyer, Governor of Kansas.
Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State.
Secretary of State
Handwritten signature of the Assistant Secretary of State.
Assistant Secretary of State