

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina joins the world in recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, promoting the theme, *Lifting Up Voices*, for those in our state who often suffer in silence and shame; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse can be the result of intentional or unintentional neglect and can take various forms such as physical, psychological or emotional, sexual and financial abuse; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 10 Americans age 60 or older have experienced abuse; research shows underestimated studies of elder abuse as only 1 in 24 cases is reported; and

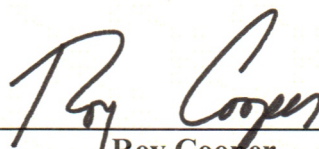
WHEREAS, North Carolina's older adults of all social, economic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds may be targets of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, which can occur in families, long-term care settings, and communities; and

WHEREAS, protecting older adults in our state is a community responsibility, and all North Carolinians are charged under state law to report suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation to their local County Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day provides an opportunity for communities to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic processes affecting older populations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2020, as "**WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.