



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, elder abuse is an often unseen and underreported public health and civil rights issue; and

WHEREAS, protecting North Carolina's vulnerable and older adults is a community responsibility and all citizens are charged under state law to report suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation to their local county Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, our state ranks ninth nationally in the number of people aged 65 and over, and by 2025 one in five North Carolina residents will be older than 65; and

WHEREAS, abuse, neglect, and exploitation can occur in any setting including the home and long-term care facilities, and it is critical that reports be made to the appropriate authorities; and

WHEREAS, fostering, maintaining, and improving supports to prevent abuse allows vulnerable and older adults to exercise their autonomy and ability to live in the setting of their choice; and

WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day provides a time for North Carolinians to pause and reflect on those who are susceptible to maltreatment, reminding us to promote a better understanding of the causes of this often unseen and unreported public health and civil rights issue, and to make sure we remain focused on the needs of our elder residents to lead lives of dignity and purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2023, 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 ninth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.