

Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alabama's seniors are valued members of society, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity; and

WHEREAS, older adults and Alabamians with disabilities are often targets for abuse, neglect and exploitation, and such maltreatment is an ever-increasing problem in today's society; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Human Resources, the Alabama Department of Senior Services, the Office of the Attorney General and over 30 partner agencies of the Alabama Interagency Council for the Prevention of Elder Abuse are committed to the prevention of elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Protective Services Division of the Alabama Department of Human Resources is committed to the protection of elder citizens through prevention assessments, investigations of abuse, neglect and exploitation reports and coordination of services; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Senior Services is committed to promoting the independence and dignity of older adults by educating and informing seniors, as well as those who work with seniors, about identifying elder abuse and the importance of reporting suspected abuse; and

WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day offers all Alabamians the opportunity to promote the programs and organizations that serve elders and their families, as well as to participate in community efforts to improve the safety and well-being of all people throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 15th, 2023, as

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

in the state of Alabama



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 13th day of June 2023.

Kay Ivey, Governor