

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY PROCLAMATION

- Whereas** June 15, 2006 is the inauguration of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- Whereas** up to ten percent of senior adults in British Columbia will at some point in time face some form of abuse
- Whereas** through raising awareness we are able to join communities together and show each other that we care about each others well-being.
- Whereas** (Your City) is a city that is always at the forefront of celebrating diversity and can be a leader in bringing awareness to the abuse of seniors, and can help bring awareness to the rest of the world; and
- Whereas** our aging population deserves the respect to have this day and these issues brought to the attention of society;

Therefore, be it resolved that (this council) recognize and affirm that:

- Our senior population is an important part of our society
- Senior abuse and neglect is a problem which must be addressed more often and with more seriousness
- That financial, sexual, physical and emotional abuse does occur at all age groups
- That the senior population has moulded and shaped today's world and it is our responsibility to ensure their safety and happiness during their later years
- (this council) is declaring June 15th World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in (your city)

Be it further resolved that (this council) call upon other municipalities, and countries to urge them to join together as a community and world network to value, and to prevent abuse and neglect of older adults.

Be it finally resolved that we commend these organizations for their efforts to address this important issue:

- All 5 regional health authorities - Fraser, Interior, Northern, Vancouver Coastal & Vancouver Is.
- BC Adult Abuse and Neglect Prevention Collaborative
- BC Association of Community Response Networks
- BC Coalition to Eliminate Abuse of Seniors
- BC/Yukon Society of Transition Houses
- Coalition of Senior Citizens Organizations
- Gerontology Research Centre – Simon Fraser University
- Peoples Law School
- Public Guardian and Trustee of BC
- Representation Agreement Resource Centre