

Executive Proclamation

WHEREAS, June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day which promotes a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is home to more than 185,000 residents that are age 60 or older who enrich and strengthen our community by serving as leaders, mentors, volunteers and valuable members of our communities and these individuals deserve to be treated with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 1 in 10 older adults have experienced physical, psychological, verbal or sexual abuse, financial exploitation or neglect and those who are mistreated are often abused, neglected or exploited by someone they trust and most commonly by men and women who are family members, friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is an equity issue as socioeconomic and health disparities experienced by racial and ethnic minorities undermine the accessibility and effective utilization of health and human services and ongoing research is needed to develop culturally appropriate and accessible programs for elders of color; and

I, *DAVID CROWLEY*, County Executive of Milwaukee County, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2023 to be

Elder Abuse Awareness Day

across Milwaukee County and encourage residents throughout our community to continue to seek education and resources regarding the prevention of elder abuse.

> David Crowley Milwaukee County Executive