



AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM
Communication to Board of County Commissioners

To: Chair Sandy Hollingsworth, Commissioner Web Sill and Commissioner Linda Isenhart

From: Laura Solomon
Name

Human Services Director
Title

Today's Date: May 18, 2022

BoCC Meeting Date: June 7, 2022

Does this item require a PUBLIC HEARING? NO

Item: A proclamation for Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15th.

Request or Issue: Requesting the BOCC proclaim June 15th Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Recommended Action / Next Step: Approval of the proclamation for Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Financial Impact(s): Have you spoken to the Finance Director about this expense/revenue? No, N/A

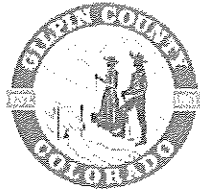
Associated Agencies: N/A

Background Information: June 15th has been identified by the Federal Government as Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Amount of agenda time needed: 5 minutes

Is this item time sensitive: Yes, would like the proclamation to be approved prior to June 15th.

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**PROCLAMATION
ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, elder abuse is the broad term used to identify mistreatment of elderly and disabled adults; and

WHEREAS, abuse and neglect of elderly and disabled adults is one of the most under-recognized and under-reported social problems in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the problem is likely to increase for several reasons, especially with the increase in the elderly population; and

WHEREAS, mistreatment can take many forms: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect by a caregiver, self-neglect, exploitation, and financial exploitation; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately five million people age 60+ suffer elder abuse every year; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately only one out of every twenty-four cases of elder abuse is reported; and

WHEREAS, abuse of the elderly and disabled is preventable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Gilpin County Board of Commissioners that June 15, 2022 be recognized as "**Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness Day**" in Gilpin County and that all residents and other jurisdictions are encouraged to become more aware of this problem and join in the prevention of elder abuse.

ADOPTED this day June 7, 2022.

Chair Sandy Hollingsworth

Commissioner Linda Isenhardt

Commissioner Web Sill