



**WORLD ELDER ABUSE  
AWARENESS DAY**  
June 15, 2023  
**Rights Don't Get Old**

**PROCLAMATION**  
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- WHEREAS:** Older adults in the Municipality of West Grey deserve to be treated with respect and dignity and valued as contributing members of society, imparting a wealth of experience and wisdom in our communities; and
- WHEREAS:** The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse proclaimed this day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and
- WHEREAS:** The United Nations General Assembly officially recognized this day by resolution 66/127 in December 2011; and
- WHEREAS:** The Municipality of West Grey recognizes the importance of taking action to invest in creating social change, to prioritize the prevention of elder abuse and raise awareness to foster a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults and their rights; and
- WHEREAS:** Elder abuse has a significant impact on the lives of older adults and families; and is not limited to race, gender, culture, or circumstance, and regardless of whether the abuse is physical, emotional, sexual, financial or neglect; and
- WHEREAS:** Ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse; and
- WHEREAS:** Recognizing that it is up to all of us, as citizens, organizations, communities, and governments, to work collectively to prevent violence and abuse of older adults in their homes and communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Preventing abuse of older adults through improving and maintaining social and health services and systems such as housing, income security, and safety will improve their quality of life and allow them to live independently and contribute to the vibrancy of our municipality; and
- WHEREAS:** Where there is respect for human rights, equality, and justice there can be no abuse; therefore, all residents of the Municipality of West Grey are urged to join this global movement to promote the Rights of Older Adults and Stop Abuse and Restore Respect.
- THEREFORE;** I, **Kevin Eccles, Mayor** of the **Municipality of West Grey** in the Province of Ontario do hereby proclaim June 15, 2023, as **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** and encourage all residents of the Municipality of West Grey to recognize and celebrate seniors and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our municipality.

Dated on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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