

**IN RECOGNITION OF
WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, Florida's seniors are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that they live safe lives; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized nationally that every year 1 in 10 older Americans are victims of elder abuse, neglect or exploitation; and

WHEREAS, nationally, with every reported case of abuse, neglect, and exploitation there are 24 that go unreported; and

WHEREAS, abuse of older people is a tragedy inflicted against vulnerable seniors, and it an ever-increasing problem that crosses all socio-economic boundaries in today's society; and

WHEREAS, combating abuse and the empowerment of older people will help improve the quality of life for all seniors across this state and will allow seniors to continue to live as independently as possible, adding to their lives and vibrancy; and

WHEREAS, seniors should be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to sever as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and important and active members of society; and

WHEREAS, we are all required to report elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation when we are even suspicious of any activity; and

WHEREAS, the welfare of seniors is in the best interest of all citizens and further adds to the well-being of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GARY H. KATICA, MAYOR of the TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim and request that all residents of Belleair recognize JUNE 15, 2018 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

*Given under my hand and Seal of
the Town of Belleair, Florida this
5th day of June, 2018.*

Mayor