PROCLAIMING WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, Lake County Seniors are valued members of our society and have helped contribute greatly to our community and to the development of our current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, as a community, Lake County values the importance of protecting and supporting our seniors and ensuring that they live in a safe and secure environment, with dignity and without fear of abuse, neglect and/or exploitation; and

WHEREAS, combating abuse of our seniors will help improve the quality of life for all seniors across this country and will allow seniors to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the vibrancy of Lake County; and

WHEREAS, annually in the State of Ohio, Adult Protective Services received over 15,000 reports regarding seniors and their care. In 2021, the Lake County Adult Protective Services Team investigated over 430 of these cases; and

WHEREAS, as a caring community, we must not only respond to and stop elder maltreatment where it exists, but we must also be diligent in our efforts to ensure that our community is aware of its role in recognizing and preventing such maltreatment, as we are all responsible for building safer communities for Lake County seniors; and

WHEREAS, the safety of Lake County seniors is in the best interest of all and further adds to the well-being of the Lake County community.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners in and for Lake County hereby proclaim

JUNE 15, 2022 AS WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

and encourage all of Lake County to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Lake County Seniors.

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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