

## **PROCLAMATION**

## WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

June 15, 2024

WHEREAS: older adults in Alberta are valued members of society and it is our collective

responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity; and

WHEREAS: abuse of older adults is an ever-increasing issue in our society that crosses all

cultures and socio-economic boundaries; and

WHEREAS: most abuse of older adults is hidden; and

WHEREAS: older adults in Alberta deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them

to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this

province; and

WHEREAS: preventing abuse of older people will help improve the quality of life for all older

adults in Alberta and will allow older adults to continue to live as independently as

possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of Alberta; and

WHEREAS: we are all responsible for building safer communities for Alberta's older adults.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Reeve, Jered Serben of Smoky Lake County, hereby proclaim June 15, 2025 to be

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Smoky Lake County and urge all residents to

check in on the seniors in their lives and in their communities.

Smoky Lake County Reeve