

Armstrong County
Proclamation
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
June 15, 2017

Whereas, the purpose of World Elder Abuse Day is to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of elder mistreatment by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic factors that drive and influence elder abuse, neglect and exploitation; and

Whereas, every Year, it's estimated that 5 million older adults, which is 1 in every 10, are abused, neglected, and exploited in the United States; and

Whereas, experts believe that for every case of elder abuse or neglect reported, as many as 23.5 cases go unreported. Older Americans lose an estimated \$2.6 billion or more annually due to elder financial exploitation; and

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

Whereas, based on available information, women and "older" elders are more likely to be victimized. Among risk factors are; dementia, isolation, mental health and substance abuse issues – of both abusers and elderly victims. Armstrong County's seniors are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely, with dignity and respect; and

Whereas, Combating abuse of older adults will help improve the quality of life for all seniors, allow seniors to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of Armstrong County; and

Whereas, The Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging and HAVIN collaboratively assist victims of abuse; and

Whereas, Reports of physical abuse, verbal abuse, financial exploitation or self-neglect of seniors age 60 and older may be made to the Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging's Protective Services Hotline number: 800-732-6618, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. HAVIN's 24 hour hotline is 800-841-8881.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, The Board of Commissioners of the County of Armstrong, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2017 to be "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in Armstrong County.

Adopted this 15th day of June 2017.

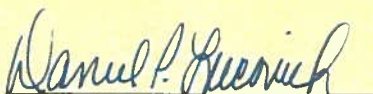


ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Pat Fabian, Chairman

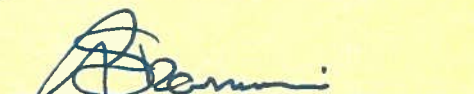
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