

Proclamation
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Whereas: Whistler's seniors are valued members of society, convey a wealth of experience and wisdom in our community and deserve to live with dignity and respect. It is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and fully in a community that cares about them.

Whereas: Victims of elder abuse are parents, grandparents, neighbours, and friends. Elder abuse is not limited by race, gender, culture, and circumstance, and whether physical, emotional, or financial, elder abuse takes an unacceptable toll on individuals and families.

Whereas: Seniors who experience abuse or neglect face a heightened risk of health-related complications. Financial abuse can rob our seniors of the security they have built over a lifetime. Tragically, many older adults suffer in silence, burdened by fear, shame, or impairments that prevent them from speaking out about abuse.

Whereas: Combating abuse of older adults will help improve the quality of life for all seniors in our community and allow seniors to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

Whereas: Whistler's seniors are guaranteed that they will be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and important and active members of this community.

Whereas: The well-being of Whistler's seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the well-being of the Whistler community.

I, Mayor of the Resort Municipality of Whistler do hereby proclaim June 15, 2022 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

Dated in the Mayor's Office on this day of (insert date)