

County of Brunswick
Office of the County Commissioners



PROCLAMATION

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS**

WHEREAS, elder abuse is the broad term used to identify mistreatment of elderly and disabled adults; and

WHEREAS, abuse, neglect and exploitation of elderly and disabled adults is one of the most under-recognized and under-reported social problems in this country; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the problem is likely to increase for several reasons, especially with the increasing rise in the number of elderly population; and

WHEREAS, mistreatment can take many forms: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect by a caregiver, self-neglect, exploitation, and financial exploitation; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately five million people age 60+ suffer elder abuse every year; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately one out of every twenty-four cases of elder abuse is reported; and

WHEREAS, abuse of the elderly and disabled is preventable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners that the month of June, 2021 be recognized as **"Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness Month"** in Brunswick County and all residents and other jurisdictions are encouraged to become more aware of this problem and join in the prevention of elder abuse.

This the 21st day of June, 2021.

Randy Thompson, Chair
Brunswick County Commissioners

Attest:

Andrea White, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board