

RESOLUTION NO.:

2018-R48

SPONSOR:

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

INTRODUCED:

JUNE 12, 2018

ASSIGNED TO:

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A RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE 15, 2018, OF EACH YEAR, AS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY AND ENCOURAGING THE RESIDENTS OF GREEN, OHIO, SUMMIT COUNTY, TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE COMMUNITIES, LIBRARIES, SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE-SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE ABUSE OF OLDER PERSONS, FOR THE EXECUTIVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched on June 15, 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations to raise awareness of the problems of elder abuse and the resources available for the protection of seniors; and

WHEREAS, in February 2012, Ohio H.B. 215 was adopted, thereby naming June 15 each year as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day"; and

WHEREAS, the Summit County Executive and the Summit County Council are committed to working together to ensure the rights of seniors residing in Summit County live safely and with dignity, free from any type of elder abuse, and are further committed to raising public awareness of elder abuse and the services available for the protection of seniors; and

WHEREAS, locally, the Senior Independent Living Coalition (SILC), an initiative of the Summit 2020: A Quality of Life Project, has placed an emphasis on reducing the incidence of elder abuse/neglect and maintaining senior health; and

WHEREAS, the Summit County's Department of Job and Family Services, under the direction of the Summit County Executive, collaborated with other Summit County agencies and departments, and in November 2015 signed a Plan of Cooperation to ensure the needs of Summit County's elderly population who are abused, neglected or exploited are met in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, in November 2015, the new Circle of Care Program, which was created as a result of the Plan of Cooperation, is a unique partnership of dedicated agencies that will protect and care for the seniors of Summit County; and

WHEREAS, a Summit County Elder Abuse Interdisciplinary Team has been formed to advise adult protection service providers in planning for comprehensive services to seniors and to coordinate the community service delivery system; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation that may lead to harm and may even result in the death of a senior; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse affects seniors of all socio-economic groups, cultures, and races, and occurs across the world, nation, and state, in institutional settings, and in their homes, and is committed by both caregivers and family members who seniors rely on for care; and

WHEREAS, research, indicates that even though more than one in ten seniors may experience some type of abuse, only one in five of these incidences are ever discovered and/or reported; and

WHEREAS, Green City Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the City of Green to declare June 15, 2018, of each year, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and to encourage the residents of Green to participate in events observing that day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, AND STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION ONE:

The City of Green finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Council and any deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION THREE:

Council declares this to be an emergency immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Green and for the further reason of immediately supporting the declaration of June 15, 2018 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Summit County. Provided that this legislation receives the affirmative vote of three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

ADOPTED: June 12, 2018

Nichole Baldinger
Nichole Baldinger, Clerk of Council, Interim

Chris Humphrey
Chris Humphrey, Council President

APPROVED: June 12, 2018

Gerard M. Neugebauer
Gerard M. Neugebauer, Mayor

ENACTED EFFECTIVE: June 12, 2018

ON ROLL CALL:

Babbitt Aye
Speight Aye

Dyer Aye
Yeargin Aye

Humphrey Aye
Young Aye

Shaughnessy Aye
Adopted 7-0

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Nichole Baldinger
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