



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

# Proclamation

## PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING JUNE 15, 2025, AS WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

**WHEREAS**, older adults are important members of our community who have contributed significantly to society throughout their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, our elders deserve to live with dignity and security, free from fear, abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse is a serious issue affecting countless people across our nation, including within our own Arapahoe County, and across all socioeconomic groups, cultures, and backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, Arapahoe County received 3,431 Adult Protection Services calls to our abuse Hotline, generating 567 referrals assigned for assessment and on any given day 138 at-risk adults have open adult protection cases; and

**WHEREAS**, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is an important opportunity to raise awareness of this issue and promote greater understanding of how to prevent and respond to elder abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of all residents to recognize, report, and prevent elder abuse in all forms, including physical, emotional, financial, and sexual abuse, as well as neglect and self-neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that one in 10 Americans aged 60 and older have experienced some form of elder abuse, with many cases going unreported due to shame, fear, or inability to report; and

**WHEREAS**, the consequences of elder abuse can be devastating, including diminished independence, deteriorated health, violated rights, financial insecurity, psychological distress, and in severe cases, premature death; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arapahoe County community must work together to ensure the safety and well-being of our elders, and to provide them with the respect, dignity, and care they deserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim June 15, 2025, as **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**. We urge all residents of our community to be vigilant and report any suspected elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation to the appropriate authorities. Let us all commit ourselves to creating a safe and supportive environment for our elders, and to working together to prevent elder abuse in all its forms.

Commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully

Commissioner Jessica Campbell

Commissioner Leslie Summey  
Chair of the Board

Commissioner Jeff Baker  
Chair Pro Tem

Commissioner Rhonda Fields