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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING JUNE 15, 2015 AS)
ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY)

WHEREAS, Thousands of vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities are victimized every year by financial exploitation, physical, sexual or emotional abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, Elder abuse happens to men and women of all income levels, all cultural and ethnic groups, whether they are in good health or incapacitated in some way, in poor neighborhoods and in suburbia; and

WHEREAS, These incidents of abuse and neglect take place in the home and in facilities, and are perpetrated by family members, friends, caregivers and strangers; and

WHEREAS, Elder abuse is grossly underreported because the elderly who are being abused find it very difficult to tell anyone and are usually ashamed and sometimes afraid; and

WHEREAS, Signs of animal abuse and neglect are an early warning sign of a senior’s need for assistance, all citizens are encouraged to work together in reporting animal cruelty for the welfare and safety of our vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Oregon law enforcement community, adult protective service staff, and advocates have forged a stronger working relationship through community based multidisciplinary teams to prevent and prosecute abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Oregonians need to be better informed on preventative measures and the indicators of abuse and neglect; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners, that **June 15th**, 2015 is designated as **Elder Abuse Awareness Day** in Deschutes County, Oregon. We encourage all citizens of Deschutes County to unite as a community to support our aging and people with disabilities.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2015 by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

Anthony DeBone, Chair

Alan Unger, Vice Chair

Tammy Baney, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary