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PROCLAMATION

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

June 15, 2022

WHEREAS, Prince Edward County's seniors are valued members of society, convey a wealth of experience and wisdom in our community and deserve to be treated with respect and with dignity. It is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and fully in a community that cares about them; and

WHEREAS, The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed this day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as both a public health and human rights issue; and

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 17th Anniversary of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Its recognition will foster a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is not limited by race, gender, culture, and circumstance, and whether physical, psychological, emotional, or financial, it has a significant impact on the lives of individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, many elders will suffer in silence, burdened by fear, shame, or impairments that prevent them from speaking out about abuse; and

WHEREAS, Prince Edward County recognizes the importance of taking action to create social change that prevents elder abuse and raises awareness by educating neighbours, friends and family members about the rights of older adults. Where there is respect there can be no abuse; and residents of Prince Edward County are urged to join this global movement to **Stop Abuse and Restore Respect** to improve the quality of life for seniors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Steve Ferguson, Mayor of The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Council, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2022 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in The County and encourage our residents to recognize and celebrate seniors and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our community.

DATED at Picton this 7th day of June, 2022

Mayor Steve Ferguson