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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING JUNE 15, 2016 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners, that **June 15th, 2016** 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 _____ 2016 by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

Alan Unger, Chair

Tammy Baney, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary

Anthony DeBone, Commissioner