

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, Camas' seniors are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity; and

WHEREAS, abuse of older people is a tragedy inflicted on vulnerable seniors and an ever-increasing problem in today's society that crosses all socio-economic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, combating abuse of seniors and vulnerable adults will help improve the quality of life for all seniors across this country and will allow seniors and vulnerable adults to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of the City of Camas; and

WHEREAS, Camas' seniors and vulnerable adults are guaranteed that they will be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community; and

WHEREAS, the well-being of Camas' seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and involvement can increase identification and reporting of abuse and neglect, as well as, preparation for participation in Elder Abuse Awareness Day activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Scott Higgins, Mayor of Camas, do hereby proclaim **June 16, 2016**, as

***“Elder Abuse Awareness Day”***

in Camas, Washington and encourage all Camas citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Camas' seniors.



In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Camas to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

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Scott Higgins, Mayor