

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 15, 2026, AS ELDER
ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, June 15th has been designated as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day to shine a light on the physical, emotional, psychological, and financial abuse of older adults; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Springs City Council recognizes that older adults are valued members of our community whose wisdom, contributions, and experiences strengthen the City of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately one in ten older adults living at home experiences abuse, neglect, or exploitation each year, and research funded by the U.S. Department of Justice indicates that only one in twenty-four cases is ever reported to authorities; and

WHEREAS, abuse, neglect, and exploitation inflicted upon vulnerable older adults crosses all socio-economic, racial, cultural, and geographic boundaries, and the National Center on Elder Abuse reports that nearly half of all incidents are perpetrated by a family member; and

WHEREAS, the financial exploitation of older adults has reached crisis levels, with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center reporting that in 2025 more than 201,000 victims age sixty and older lost over \$7.7 billion to fraud, a thirty-seven percent increase in a single year, with the average victim losing more than \$38,000; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Human Services reports that Adult Protective Services caseloads have risen thirty-two percent over the past decade, with more than 8,900 cases assigned statewide last year, reflecting both a growing older population and the rising vulnerability of our residents; and

WHEREAS, protecting older adults requires a coordinated community effort focused on prevention, education, awareness, advocacy, and access to supportive services that promote safety, dignity, and independence; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about elder abuse empowers residents, caregivers, families, professionals, and neighbors to recognize warning signs, report concerns, and support the well-being and rights of older adults; and

WHEREAS, community organizations, volunteers, advocates, and professionals throughout Colorado Springs are committed to preventing elder abuse through outreach, education, training programs, and compassionate care for older adults and their families; and

WHEREAS, combating elder abuse and neglect improves the quality of life for older adults and helps ensure they may live safely, independently, and with dignity while continuing to contribute to the vitality of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Colorado Springs hereby recognizes June 15th, 2026, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in the City of Colorado Springs and urges all residents to recognize the importance of protecting older adults, promoting awareness, supporting prevention efforts, and honoring the many contributions of older adults throughout our community.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 9th day of June, 2026.

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk