



# LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY PROCLAMATION

## *World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Building Stronger Support for Elders*

*WHEREAS*, older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities; and

*WHEREAS*, 2022 marks the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Its recognition will promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and

*WHEREAS*, the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and Adult Protective Services of Montana recognize the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent and address elder abuse; and

*WHEREAS*, it is up to all of us, to ensure that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of abuse; and

*WHEREAS*, preventing abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, human services and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities; and

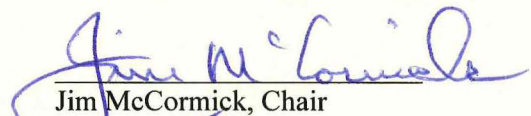
*WHEREAS*, where there is justice there can be no abuse; therefore, Adult Protective Services urges all people to restore justice by honoring older adults;

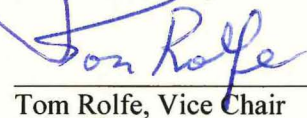
*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED*, that the Lewis and Clark County Board of Commissioners, do hereby declare June 15, 2022 as, “**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**” throughout Lewis and Clark County, and encourage all of our communities to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our country.

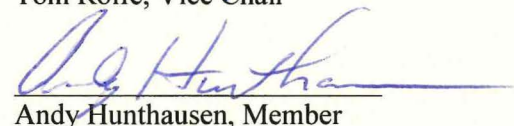
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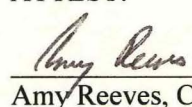
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