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As per our discussion earlier today, I am sending a proclamation request to the Township of Southgate from the Grey Bruce Elder Abuse Prevention Network. The Grey Bruce Elder Abuse Prevention Network is a group of organizations and individuals committed to preventing elder abuse through providing public education about this issue.

The Grey Bruce Elder Abuse Prevention Network is asking municipalities in Grey and Bruce Counties to make a proclamation recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). WEAAD is observed annually on June 15. WEAAD was officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in resolution 66/127 made in December 2011. This resolution was made upon the request of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA). The INPEA first established WEAAD in June 2006. WEAAD represents the one day in the year when the whole world voices its opposition to the abuse and suffering inflicted on some members of our older generations.

The Grey Bruce Elder Abuse Prevention Network is asking the Township of Southgate to make the attached proclamation recognizing WEAAD. The purpose of the proclamation is to raise awareness of the issue of elder abuse in the municipality. Thank you for forwarding this request to the township council.

Sincerely,  
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*To recognize and affirm the ongoing relationship between Indigenous people and the land in which we reside, I would like to acknowledge that the Grey Bruce Community Legal Clinic is located on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation formed of the Chippewas of the Nawash and Chippewas of Saugeen First nations.*

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**WORLD ELDER ABUSE  
AWARENESS DAY**  
June 15, 2023  
**Rights Don't Get Old**

**PROCLAMATION**  
**WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY**  
**June 15, 2023**

- WHEREAS:** Older adults in the Township of Southgate deserve to be treated with respect and dignity and valued as contributing members of society, imparting a wealth of experience and wisdom in our communities; and
- WHEREAS:** The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse proclaimed this day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and
- WHEREAS:** The United Nations General Assembly officially recognized this day by resolution 66/127 in December 2011; and
- WHEREAS:** The Township of Southgate recognizes the importance of taking action to invest in creating social change, to prioritize the prevention of elder abuse and raise awareness to foster a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults and their rights; and
- WHEREAS:** Elder abuse has a significant impact on the lives of older adults and families; and is not limited to race, gender, culture, or circumstance, and regardless of whether the abuse is physical, emotional, sexual, financial or neglect; and
- WHEREAS:** Ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse; and
- WHEREAS:** Recognizing that it is up to all of us, as citizens, organizations, communities, and governments, to work collectively to prevent violence and abuse of older adults in their homes and communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Preventing abuse of older adults through improving and maintaining social and health services and systems such as housing, income security, and safety will improve their quality of life and allow them to live independently and contribute to the vibrancy of our municipality; and
- WHEREAS:** Where there is respect for human rights, equality, and justice there can be no abuse; therefore, all residents of the Township of Southgate are urged to join this global movement to promote the Rights of Older Adults and Stop Abuse and Restore Respect.
- THEREFORE;** I, **Brian Milne, Mayor** of the **Township of Southgate** in the Province of Ontario do hereby proclaim June 15, 2023, as **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** and encourage all residents of the Township of Southgate to recognize and celebrate seniors and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our municipality.

Dated on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Signature