PROCLAMATION

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

June 15, 2022

WHEREAS the Township of Tay's older adults 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**, in support of the **United Nations International Plan of Action**, proclaimed this day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as both a public health and human rights issue; and

WHEREAS The Township of Tay 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 in Ontario; and

WHEREAS We must recognize 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 Ontario; and

WHEREAS Where there is respect for human rights, equality, and justice there can be no abuse;

THEREFORE I, Ted Walker Mayor of Tay Township, do hereby proclaim

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as
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

and encourage all of our residents to recognize and celebrate seniors and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our community and province.

Rights Don't Get Old

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Ted Walker
Mayor