

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.120

Reps. Brenda Carter, Rogers, Bolden, Manoogian, Garza, Hammoud, Weiss, Cavanagh, Morse, Aiyash, Young, Camilleri, Sowerby, Cherry, Brabec, Puri, Haadsma, Steckloff, Shannon, Coleman, Liberati, Steenland, Tyrone Carter, Tate, Wozniak, Whiteford, Howell, Tisdell, Markkanen, Reilly, Griffin, Hoitenga, Rendon, O'Neal, Thanedar, Witwer, Rabhi and Kahle offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare June 2021 as Elder Abuse Awareness
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, On June 15, 2006, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was
4 launched by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder
5 Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations,
6 among other international organizations; and

7 Whereas, Estimates show that more than 1 in 10 persons over

1 the age of 60 are victims of elder abuse each year; and

2 Whereas, The vast majority of the abuse, neglect, and
3 exploitation of older adults in the United States goes
4 unidentified, as only 1 in 24 cases of abuse of older adults is
5 reported; and

6 Whereas, Elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation have no
7 boundaries and cross all racial, social, class, gender, and
8 geographic lines; and

9 Whereas, Older adults who are abused are at a higher risk to
10 die earlier than older adults of the same age who are not abused;
11 and

12 Whereas, Public awareness has the potential to increase the
13 identification and reporting of elder abuse by the public,
14 professionals, and victims, and can act as a catalyst to promote
15 issue-based education and long-term prevention; and

16 Whereas, Private individuals and public agencies must work
17 together on the federal, state, and local levels to combat
18 increasing occurrences of abuse, neglect, and exploitation crime
19 and violence against vulnerable older adults and vulnerable adults,
20 particularly in light of limited resources for vital protective
21 services; and

22 Whereas, 2021 is the 16th celebration of World Elder Abuse
23 Awareness Day; now, therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
25 this legislative body declare June 2021, as Elder Abuse Awareness
26 Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

27 Resolved, That we recognize judges, lawyers, adult protective
28 services professionals, law enforcement officers, long-term care
29 ombudsmen, social workers, health care providers, professional

1 guardians, advocates for victims, and other professionals and
2 agencies for their efforts to advance awareness of elder abuse. We
3 encourage members of the public and professionals who work with
4 older adults to act as catalysts to promote awareness and long-term
5 prevention of elder abuse by reaching out to local adult protective
6 services agencies, long-term care ombudsman programs, and the
7 National Center on Elder Abuse, and by learning to recognize,
8 detect, report, and respond to elder abuse.