



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, The Town of Caledon'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. 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 a public health and human rights issue; and

Whereas, The Town of Caledon recognizes the importance of taking action to invest in creating social change, prioritize the prevention of elder abuse and raise awareness to foster a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults and their rights. Elder abuse has a significant impact on the lives of older adults and families, and is not limited to race, gender, culture, or circumstance, 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. 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 Ontario. Where there is respect for human rights, equality, and justice there can be no abuse; therefore, all Town of Caledon residents are urged to join this global movement to promote the Rights of Older Adults and Stop Abuse and Restore Respect; and

Therefore, I, Mayor Annette Groves, on behalf of the Town of Caledon Council, do hereby proclaim

June 15, 2023

as

"World Elder Abuse Awareness Day"

in the Town of Caledon and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.

Mayor Annette Groves, Town of Caledon