Allegany COUNTY New York

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Elder Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation

Whereas, Allegany County seniors are valued, contributing members of society, imparting a wealth of experience and wisdom in our communities; and

Whereas, 2022 marks the 17th Anniversary of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Its recognition will foster a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and

Whereas, each year an estimated 5 million, or 1 in 10 older Americans are victims of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation; and

Whereas, for each case of elder abuse that is reported, experts believe that nearly 14 cases go unreported; and

Whereas, Allegany County's seniors deserve to live safely with dignity, and as independently as possible, with the support they need; and

Whereas, elder abuse is most often defined as any act that harms a senior or jeopardizes his or her health or welfare; and

Whereas, eliminating abuse to older persons is each community's responsibility; the County of Allegany is concerned about the risk to our older residents who suffer from neglect or are victims of financial, emotional, or physical abuse; and

Whereas, all of our residents should watch for signs of abuse such as physical trauma, withdrawal, depression, anxiety, fear of family members, friends, or caregivers;

Now therefore, in recognition of the Allegany County Consortium of Elder Abuse Prevention Committee and the many programs serving the elderly throughout Allegany County, **I, Phillip G. Stockin,** Chairman of the Allegany County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM** the month of June 2022 as **ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH** and June 15, 2022, as **ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY** and urge all citizens to commit to building safer communities for our elderly residents.

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Phillip G. Stockin, Chairman
Allegany County Board of Legislators

Dated at Belmont, New York,
this 8th day of June 2022.