

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 125

Reps. Elder, Kuppa, Paquette, Wozniak, Koleszar, Yancey, Hood, Garrett, Haadsma, Brixie, Bolden, Sneller, Stone, Anthony, Manoogian, Witwer and Jones offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare June 15, 2019, as Elder Abuse
2 Awareness Day 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
8 age 60, or approximately 5,000,000 individuals, are victims of
9 elder abuse each year; and

10 Whereas, The vast majority of the abuse, neglect, and
11 exploitation of older adults in the United States goes



1 unidentified, as only 1 in 25 cases of financial abuse of older
2 adults is reported; and

3 Whereas, Elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation have no
4 boundaries and cross all racial, social, class, gender, and
5 geographic lines; and

6 Whereas, Older adults who are abused are 2 times more likely
7 to die earlier than older adults of the same age who are not
8 abused; and

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

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

19 Whereas, 2019 is the 13th celebration of World Elder Abuse
20 Awareness Day; now, therefore, be it

21 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
22 this legislative body declare June 15, 2019, as Elder Abuse
23 Awareness Day in Michigan; and be it further

24 Resolved that the House of Representatives recognizes judges,
25 lawyers, adult protective services professionals, law enforcement
26 officers, long-term care ombudsmen, social workers, health care
27 providers, professional guardians, advocates for victims, and other
28 professionals and agencies for their efforts to advance awareness
29 of elder abuse. We encourage members of the public and

1 professionals who work with older adults to act as catalysts to
2 promote awareness and long-term prevention of elder abuse by
3 reaching out to local adult protective services agencies, long-term
4 care ombudsman programs, and the National Center on Elder Abuse,
5 and by learning to recognize, detect, report, and respond to elder
6 abuse.