

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 275

Reps. MacDonell, Bezotte, Breen, Byrnes, Glanville, Haadsma, Hill, Liberati, Paiz, Rogers, Wilson and Young offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare June 15, 2024, as World Elder Abuse  
2 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Michigan's older adults are valued members of our  
4 state, and it is our responsibility to ensure their safety and  
5 minimize crimes against them; and

6           Whereas, One in ten older adults in the United States  
7 experience abuse, neglect and exploitation and crimes against older  
8 adults often go unnoticed and unreported, leaving victims without  
9 the help and support they need; and

10           Whereas, All Michigan residents should watch for signs of

1 abuse, such as physical trauma, withdrawal, depression, anxiety and  
2 fear of family members, friends, or caregivers; efforts to  
3 identify, report and investigate elder abuse are critically  
4 important in reducing the harm to older adults; and

5         Whereas, To help victims and to prevent more older adults  
6 from being victimized, we urge Michiganders to learn more about the  
7 signs of elder abuse and how to report it; on this day, we join  
8 with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Division  
9 of Adult Services and the Attorney General to help raise awareness  
10 of elder abuse in Michigan; now, therefore, be it

11         Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
12 this legislative body declare June 15, 2024, as World Elder Abuse  
13 Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

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