[Sample WEAAD Proclamation]

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| WHEREAS: | Older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them  to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities; |
| WHEREAS: | In 2006, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and |
| WHEREAS: | \_Insert Year\_ marks the \_Insert Number\_th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Its recognition will promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and |
| WHEREAS: | The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and the \_Insert Organization Name\_ recognize the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent and address elder abuse; and |
| WHEREAS: | As our population lives longer, we are presented with an opportunity to think about our collective needs and future as a nation; and |
| WHEREAS: | Ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse in the United States; and |
| WHEREAS: | Recognizing that it is up to all of us, to ensure that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of abuse; and |
| WHEREAS: | Preventing abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, human services and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities; and |
| WHEREAS: | Where there is justice there can be no abuse; therefore, NCEA urges  all people to restore justice by honoring older adults. |
| WHEREAS: | Join us in our engaging and empowering movement, and putting an end to abuse. |
| THEREFORE; | I, \_Insert Name\_ of \_Insert Organization Name\_, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2018 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in \_ Insert Community\_, and encourage all of our communities to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our country.  Dated on this day of \_Insert Day\_, \_Insert Year\_ by \_Insert Signature\_. |