



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Florida's seniors are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that they live safe lives; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized nationally that every year 1 in 10 older Americans are victims of elder abuse, neglect or exploitation; and

WHEREAS, nationally, with every reported case of abuse, neglect, and exploitation there are 24 that go unreported; and

WHEREAS, abuse of older people is a tragedy inflicted against vulnerable seniors, and is an ever-increasing problem that crosses all socio-economic boundaries in today's society; and

WHEREAS, combating abuse and the empowerment of older people will help improve the quality of life for all seniors across this state and will allow seniors to continue to live as independently as possible, adding to their lives and vibrancy; and

WHEREAS, seniors should be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and important and active members of society; and

WHEREAS, we are all responsible for building safer communities for Florida's seniors; and

WHEREAS, we are all required to report elder, abuse, neglect, and exploitation when we are even suspicious of any activity; and

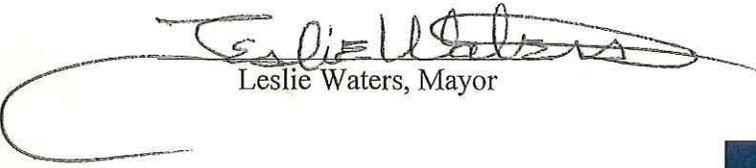
WHEREAS, the welfare of seniors is in the best interest of all citizens and further adds to the well-being of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leslie Waters, Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida do hereby proclaim June 15, 2018, to be

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this 15th day of June, 2018.




Leslie Waters, Mayor