



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, Alabama's seniors are valued members of society, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity; and*

*WHEREAS, older adults and Alabamians with disabilities are often targets for abuse, neglect and exploitation, and such physical maltreatment or financial abuse is an ever-increasing problem in today's society; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Human Resources (ADHR) received approximately 12,940 abuse, neglect and exploitation reports in FY 2025; and*

*WHEREAS, the ADHR, the Alabama Department of Senior Services (ADSS), the Office of the Attorney General and other partner agencies are committed to the prevention of elder abuse; and*

*WHEREAS, the Adult Protective Services Division of the ADHR is committed to the protection of elder citizens through prevention assessments, investigations of abuse, neglect and exploitation reports and coordination of services; and*

*WHEREAS, the ADSS is committed to promoting the independence and dignity of older adults by educating and informing seniors, as well as those who work with seniors, about identifying elder abuse and the importance of reporting suspected abuse; and*

*WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General is committed to the enforcement of laws protecting seniors; and*

*WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day offers all Alabamians the opportunity to promote the programs and organizations that serve elders and their families, and to participate in community efforts to improve the safety and wellbeing of all people throughout the state:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2026, as*

# *World Elder Abuse Awareness Day*

*in the state of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*