A PROCLAMATION
AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF JUNE 15, 2015 BEING ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY IN THE CAPITAL REGION

WHEREAS, the ten-county Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) is home to more than 304,841 citizens aged 60 years or older who may be at risk for Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation; and,

WHEREAS, every day 10,000 people turn 65 in the US alone and that trend is going to continue for nearly the next 20 years; and,

WHEREAS, we will soon have more elder people in the US than ever before; and,

WHEREAS, every year an estimated 5 million, or 1 in 10, older Americans are victims of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation and that’s only part of the picture; and,

WHEREAS, experts believe that for every case of elder abuse or neglect reported, as many as 23.5 cases go unreported which means that very few seniors who have been abused get the help they need; and,

WHEREAS, together we have the power to prevent elder abuse; and,

WHEREAS, Elder Abuse can be prevented by reporting suspected mistreatment to the local Adult Protective Services agency or law enforcement; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the Capital Area Council of Governments declares June 15, 2015 to be Elder Abuse Awareness day in the CAPCOG Region to bring awareness to the prevention of Elder Abuse in the Capital Region.

Resolution adopted by the Capital Area Council of Governments Executive Committee on this 16th day of June 2015.

Mayor Marc Holm, Chairman
Executive Committee
Capital Area Council of Governments

Judge Bert Cobb, Secretary
Executive Committee
Capital Area Council of Governments