

# Proclamation

## by Governor Joe Manchin III

**Whereas,** West Virginia's seniors and disabled adults are valued members of society, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity; and,

**Whereas,** combating abuse of older and disabled adults will help improve the quality of life for all seniors and disabled adults in this State, and will allow seniors and disabled adults to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of West Virginia; and,

**Whereas,** older and disabled West Virginians may be targets for abuse, neglect and exploitation, which can occur in families and communities of all social, economic, racial and ethnic backgrounds; and,

**Whereas,** during fiscal year 2009, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Adult Protective Services program received over 12,735 reports of adult abuse, neglect and exploitation; and,

**Whereas,** in this endeavor, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Adult Protective Services program works closely with public and private partners to serve our seniors and disabled adults; and,

**Whereas,** the State of West Virginia and the Adult Protective Services program of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources are committed to protecting and providing for the needs of our older and disabled citizens through prevention assessments, investigation of reports and arrangement of services; and,

**Whereas,** *World Elder Abuse Awareness Day* offers all West Virginians the opportunity to remember victims of adult abuse and their families, to promote the programs and organizations that serve them and to participate in community efforts to improve the safety and well-being of all people throughout our state;

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Joe Manchin III, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *June 15, 2010*, as:

## *World Elder Abuse Awareness Day*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to help prevent the abuse of seniors and disabled adults.


**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Ten, and in the One Hundred Forty-seventh year of the State.



  
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Joe Manchin III  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
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Natalie E. Tennant  
Secretary of State