



**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

ITEM NO. 17.

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 3, 2010

**REQUESTED BY:** Dr. Reta Shiver, Social Services Director

**SHORT TITLE:** Resolution Adopting Proclamation by the Pender County Board of Commissioners Recognizing the Month of June as "Elder Abuse Awareness Month"

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Social Services has the Board approve the proclamation.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** Review and approve the attached proclamation.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

Respectfully recommend approval.

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**RESOLUTION**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

the attached proclamation to approve June as Elder Abuse Month is hereby approved. The Chairman/ County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

**AMENDMENTS:**

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED \_\_\_\_\_ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Tate \_\_\_ Blanchard \_\_\_ Brown \_\_\_ Rivenbark \_\_\_ Williams \_\_\_

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Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman 5/3/10  
Date

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ATTEST 5/3/10  
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**PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse is the broad term used to identify mistreatment of elderly and disabled adults; and

**WHEREAS**, abuse and neglect of elderly and disabled adults is one of the most under-recognized and under-reported social problems in this country; and

**WHEREAS**, the magnitude of the problem is likely to increase for several reasons, especially with the anticipated rise in the number of elderly population; and

**WHEREAS**, mistreatment can take many forms: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect by a caregiver, self-neglect, exploitation, and financial exploitation; and

**WHEREAS**, between 500,000 to five million people suffer elder abuse every year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that approximately one out of every fourteen cases of elder abuse is reported; and

**WHEREAS**, abuse of the elderly is preventable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that June is recognized as "**Elder Abuse Awareness Month**" in Pender County and that all residents and other jurisdictions are encouraged to become more aware of this problem and join in the prevention of elder abuse.

**ADOPTED** this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2010.

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Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Rick Benton, Clerk to the Board