



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 4.

DATE OF MEETING: May 16, 2011

REQUESTED BY: Dr. Reta M. Shiver, Director, Department of Social Services

SHORT TITLE: Proclamation by the Pender County Board of Commissioners: Vulnerable Adults and Elder Abuse Awareness

BACKGROUND: Governor Beverly Eaves Perdue has proclaimed May 6 – June 20, 2011, in recognition of “Vulnerable Adults and Elder Abuse Awareness”. DSS will be holding a series of activities to heighten community awareness.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: Review and approve the attached proclamation.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.

RB
Initial

RESOLUTION

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

the attached proclamation to approve May 6 – June 20, 2011 in recognition of Vulnerable Adults and Elder Abuse Awareness 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: Brown _____ Tate _____ Rivenbark _____ Ward _____ Williams _____

George R. Brown, Chairman 5/16/2011
Date

ATTEST 5/16/2011
Date



**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 be 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 16th day of May, 2011.

George R. Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

Rick Benton, County Manager