



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 9.

DATE OF MEETING: June 3, 2013

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

SHORT TITLE: Proclamation by the Pender County Board of Commissioners: Elder Abuse Awareness Month: June, 2013.

BACKGROUND: During the month of June 2013, Pender County Department of Social Services will be holding a series of activities to heighten community awareness of Elder Abuse.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider approval of the attached proclamation.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.



Initial

RESOLUTION

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

the attached proclamation to approve June, 2013 as Elder Abuse Awareness 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: Brown _____ McCoy _____ Tate _____ Ward _____ Williams _____

George R. Brown, Chairman 6/3/2013
Date

ATTEST 6/3/2013
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**PROCLAMATION BY THE PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH: JUNE, 2013**

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 3rd day of June, 2013.

George R. Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dr. Mickey Duvall, Clerk to the Board