



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 9

DATE OF MEETING: April 20, 2015

REQUESTED BY: Mrs. Carolyn Moser, Health and Human Services Director
Dr. Reta M. Shiver, Department of Social Services Director

SHORT TITLE: Approval of a Proclamation by the Pender County Board of Commissioners:
Elder Abuse Awareness: May 10 – June 21, 2015.

BACKGROUND: During the months of May and June 2015, 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:



**PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS**

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 May 10, 2015 thru June 21, 2015 be recognized as "**Elder Abuse Awareness**" 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 20th day of April, 2015.

PENDER COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

James David Williams, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Randell Woodruff, Clerk to the Board