



**PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION 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 increasing rise in the number of the 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**, it is estimated that approximately five million people age 60+ suffer elder abuse every year; and

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

**WHEREAS**, abuse of the elderly and the disabled is preventable;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that May 8, 2016 thru June 19, 2016 be recognized as "**Elder Abuse Prevention 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   16th   day of May, 2016.

**PENDER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

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George Brown, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Clerk to the Board