



## **RESOLUTION OBSERVING WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges as part of executing its mission raises awareness and educates judges and others about the implications of abuse on individuals and families; and

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse is a pervasive yet invisible problem, affecting between 700,000 and 3.5 million persons in the United States across all socio-economic lines every year; and

**WHEREAS**, the vast majority of the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older Americans goes unidentified and unreported; and

**WHEREAS**, elders who experience abuse, neglect, or self-neglect face considerably higher risk of premature death than elders who have not been mistreated; and

**WHEREAS**, the population of elders in the United States continues to grow and by the year 2030 there will be nearly twice as many persons over the age of 65 as there were in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness has the potential to increase the identification and reporting of abuse by the public, professionals, and victims themselves, and can act as a catalyst to promote issue-based education and long-term prevention;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges hereby observes June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges hereby urges judges, lawyers, probation officers, social workers, domestic violence advocates, and other professionals to take steps to enhance the awareness of elder abuse and its impact on individuals in child welfare, juvenile justice, mental health, and domestic violence systems.

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