



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

***ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY IN FLORIDA***

**WHEREAS, Florida's seniors are valued members of society, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that they live safe lives; and**

**WHEREAS, seniors should be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and active members of society; and**

**WHEREAS, combating abuse and empowering elders will help improve the quality of life and independence of all seniors across the state; and**

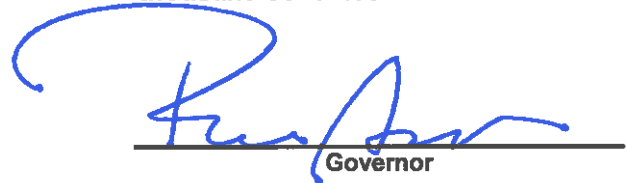
**WHEREAS, we are all responsible for building safer communities for Florida's seniors by reporting elder abuse and neglect when we suspect it; and**

**WHEREAS, the welfare of seniors is in the best interest of all citizens and further adds to the well-being of all of our communities;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing June 15, 2017, as *Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Florida*.**



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this second day of June, in the year two thousand seventeen.**

  
Governor