

**As Adopted by the Senate**

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**S. C. R. No. 36**

**Senators Jones, Cafaro**

**Cosponsors: Senators Gardner, Beagle, Hughes, Hite, Manning, Turner,  
Gentile, Skindell, Brown, Tavares, Balderson, Burke, Coley, Eklund, Faber,  
Jordan, Kearney, LaRose, Lehner, Obhof, Oelslager, Patton, Peterson,  
Sawyer, Smith, Uecker, Widener**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Ohio, 1  
June 15. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Federal government estimates show that more than one 3  
in ten persons over age sixty, or six million individuals, are 4  
victims of elder abuse each year; and 5

WHEREAS, The vast majority of the abuse, neglect, and 6  
exploitation of older adults in the United States goes 7  
unidentified and unreported; and 8

WHEREAS, Only one in forty-four cases of financial abuse of 9  
older adults is reported; and 10

WHEREAS, At least two billion nine hundred million dollars is 11  
taken from older adults each year due to financial abuse and 12  
exploitation; and 13

WHEREAS, Elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation have no 14  
boundaries and cross all racial, social, class, gender, and 15  
geographic lines; and 16

WHEREAS, Older adults who are abused are three times more 17  
likely to die earlier than older adults of the same age who are 18  
not abused; and 19

WHEREAS, Although all fifty states have laws against elder 20  
abuse, incidents of elder abuse have increased by one hundred 21  
fifty per cent over the last ten years; and 22

WHEREAS, Public awareness has the potential to increase the 23  
identification and reporting of elder abuse by the public, 24  
professionals, and victims, and can act as a catalyst to promote 25  
issue-based education and long-term prevention; and 26

WHEREAS, Private individuals and public agencies must work 27  
together on the federal, state, and local levels to combat 28  
increasing occurrences of abuse, neglect, and exploitation crime 29  
and violence against vulnerable older adults and vulnerable 30  
adults, particularly in light of limited resources for vital 31  
protective services; now therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly 33  
of the State of Ohio, recognize June 15 as World Elder Abuse 34  
Awareness Day in Ohio; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly 36  
of the State of Ohio, recognize judges, lawyers, adult protective 37  
services professionals, law enforcement officers, social workers, 38  
health care providers, victims' advocates, and other professionals 39  
and agencies for their efforts to advance awareness of elder 40  
abuse; and be it further 41

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly 42  
of the State of Ohio, encourage members of the public and 43  
professionals who work with older adults to act as catalysts to 44  
promote awareness and long-term prevention of elder abuse by 45  
reaching out to local adult protective services agencies and by 46  
learning to recognize, detect, report, and respond to elder abuse; 47

and be it further 48

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 49

authenticated copies of this resolution to the news media of Ohio. 50