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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 89

RECOGNIZING JUNE 15, 2018, AS "DELAWARE ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY".

1 WHEREAS, it is generally believed that 4-6% of the elderly are abused; and  
2 WHEREAS, throughout the world, abuse and neglect of the elderly is largely unrecognized; and  
3 WHEREAS, no state, county, or municipality is immune from this costly public health and human rights crisis;  
4 and  
5 WHEREAS, research indicates that public education events such as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day are vital  
6 for raising community awareness of, and mobilizing community action against, elder abuse and neglect and financial  
7 exploitation; and  
8 WHEREAS, the State of Delaware, through its Department of Health and Social Services, is addressing the  
9 problems of elder abuse and neglect in the First State; and  
10 WHEREAS, the State of Delaware, through the Delaware Nursing Home Residents Quality Assurance  
11 Commission, is addressing the problems of elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of elderly and vulnerable adults  
12 in our State; and  
13 WHEREAS, the State of Delaware, through its Department of Justice, is addressing the problem of abuse, neglect,  
14 and exploitation of the elderly in our State; and  
15 WHEREAS, the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse has joined with the International Network  
16 for the Prevention of Elder Abuse to annually recognize June 15<sup>th</sup> as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day"; and  
17 WHEREAS, the General Assembly believes it is appropriate to recognize June 15<sup>th</sup> as "Delaware Elder Abuse  
18 Awareness Day" in our State.

19 NOW, THEREFORE:

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the  
21 Senate concurring therein, that June 15, 2018, is hereby recognized as "Delaware Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in this  
22 State.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Delawareans are urged to take an opportunity to learn more about how to  
24 protect and nurture our elderly citizens.

### SYNOPSIS

This House Concurrent Resolution recognizes June 15, 2018, as “Delaware Elder Abuse Awareness Day” and encourages all of Delaware’s citizens to learn about how to protect and nurture our elderly citizens.