

## Rutherford County World Elder Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation

**Whereas:** Rutherford County's seniors are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity; and

**Whereas:** abuse of older people is a tragedy inflicted on vulnerable seniors and an ever-increasing problem in today's society that crosses all socio-economic boundaries; and

**Whereas:** combating abuse of older people will help improve the quality of life for all seniors across this country and will allow seniors to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of Rutherford County; and

**Whereas:** Rutherford County's seniors are guaranteed that they will be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community; and

**Whereas:** we are all responsible for building safer communities for Rutherford County's seniors; and

**Whereas:** the well-being of Rutherford County's seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the well-being of Rutherford County's communities.

I, Chairman of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim **June 2017** as **World Elder Abuse Awareness Month** and encourage all Rutherford County's residents to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Rutherford County's seniors.

Adopted this the 5 <sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.		
Signature	ATTEST:	
Bryan King,	Clerk,	

**Board of Commissioners** 

Chairman Rutherford County Commissioners