



**RON DeSANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY**

**WHEREAS, Florida's 6.3 million seniors are valued members of society who deserve to live without the threat of abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida's aging population is expected to increase 30 percent by 2030, increasing the need for awareness about elder abuse among the public; and**

**WHEREAS, it is our collective obligation to ensure safe and supportive environments for seniors by promoting access to vital resources, including senior centers, human services, and reliable transportation, which reduce isolation and protect against abuse and exploitation; and**

**WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has consistently prioritized the importance of enabling seniors to age gracefully in the comfort of their preferred residences and championing effective home and community-based programs; and**

**WHEREAS, the Department of Elder Affairs, alongside dedicated volunteers in programs such as the Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE), the Office of Public and Professional Guardians, and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP), tirelessly advocate for the safety and welfare of our cherished seniors; and**

**WHEREAS, the Department of Children and Families plays a crucial role in safeguarding vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect, exploitation, or self-neglect through the Adult Protective Services Program, preventing further harm and ensuring their well-being; and**

**WHEREAS, under the leadership of First Lady Casey DeSantis, Hope Florida empowers seniors by facilitating connections with private, nonprofit, and faith-based partners, ensuring their needs are comprehensively addressed, and enabling them to lead secure, independent lives; and**

**WHEREAS, Elder Abuse Awareness Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, reaffirming our commitment to safeguarding the dignity, health, and rights of our seniors.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing June 15, 2025, as *Elder Abuse Awareness Day*.**



**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 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the year two thousand twenty-five.**

  
Governor