

Resolution No. R-026-

Resolution Proclaiming June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month

WHEREAS: Douglas County Older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities;

WHEREAS: Elder abuse and exploitation affect every segment of our community and preventing the maltreat of our most vulnerable adults requires awareness, collaboration, and action from individuals and organizations across Douglas County; and

WHEREAS: Douglas County Human services received 1,117 reports to its Adult Protection Hotline in 2025

WHEREAS: The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and Douglas County recognize the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent and address elder abuse; and

WHEREAS: As our population lives longer, we are presented with an opportunity to think about our collective needs and future as a county; and

WHEREAS: Ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Recognizing that it is up to all of us, to ensure that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of abuse; and

WHEREAS: Preventing abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, human services and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities; and

WHEREAS: Community members play a critical role in protecting vulnerable adults by reporting suspected abuse, mistreatment or exploitation to 303-663-6270 or 1-844- 264-5437

WHEREAS: Join us in our engaging and empowering movement, and putting an end to abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, Colorado, hereby proclaims June 2026 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Douglas County, and encourages all of our residents to recognize and celebrate older adults and

their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this day of June 23rd, 2026, in Castle Rock, Douglas County,
Colorado

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

BY:

GEORGE TEAL, Chair

ATTEST:

HAYLEY HALL, Clerk to the Board