JUNE 15, 2015

Elder Abuse Awareness Day
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Department
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ohio’s older population, adults age 60 or older, accounts for 20 percent of our state’s residents today and is expected to grow to nearly 24 percent by 2050; and

WHEREAS, with the increase of the older population, abuse to adults age 60 and older has become more prevalent in our communities; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse, neglect and exploitation occur among all socio-economic classes, races and genders, and it is estimated that approximately one in five incidents of maltreatment are never reported; and

WHEREAS, more than 37 reports of elder abuse are received in Ohio each day; from July 1, 2013 through July 30, 2014, there were 13,151 reports of alleged abuse, neglect and exploitation involving Ohioans age 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, older adults have the right to live free from harm, in peace and with dignity, and

WHEREAS, older adults living alone in the community or in long-term care facilities often have no one to speak up for them; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) will continue to work with other advocates and professionals to increase awareness and help fight elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Aging and the Office of the State of Ohio Long-term Care Ombudsman work to ensure that our elders – our Golden Buckeyes – are respected as vital members of society who continue to grow, drive and contribute.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize June 15, 2015 as

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throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to recognize that our elders deserve to live with dignity and respect in safe and caring communities.

On this 15th day of June 2015,

John R. Kasich
Governor

Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor
Work Activities and Social Services
Some Customer Service Girls
Child Support Representatives
It takes a Community to eliminate abuse, neglect and exploitation of our county’s elder population.

Be that voice!!!
Support from Marion General Hospital
Support from Marion County Children Services
Friends at MedBridge at Heartland
Friends at Kindred Nursing and Rehabilitation
Ribbon Support from Kindred Nursing and Rehabilitation
Our Youngest Supporter