WHEREAS, Elder abuse is detrimental to public health and threatens millions of our parents, grandparents, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Elder abuse is a crisis that knows no borders or socioeconomic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Elderly Illinois citizens suffer physical, emotional, and financial abuse, largely at the hands of people that they know; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that elder abuse claims five million older American victims each year; and

WHEREAS, Most victims of elder abuse do not report abuse to law enforcement or social service agencies; and

WHEREAS, The date of June 15 has been proclaimed World Elder Abuse Awareness Day by President Barack Obama; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare our intent to eradicate abuse of the elderly in
RESOLVED, That we designate June 15, 2017 as Illinois Elder Abuse Awareness Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge all Illinoisans to observe Illinois Elder Abuse Awareness Day by learning the signs of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and by raising awareness about this important public health issue.