WHEREAS, Millions of older persons are abused, neglected, and exploited every year; and

WHEREAS, Elder abuse is an intentional act, or failure to act, by a caregiver or another person in a relationship that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult; and

WHEREAS, No person is immune to abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, An estimated $2.6 billion or more is lost annually due to elder financial abuse and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, an estimated 35.9% of disabled adults ages 65 and older were abused; and

WHEREAS, Elders with dementia are at a greater risk of abuse than those without and are particularly vulnerable to abuse because of impairments in memory, communication abilities, and judgment; and

WHEREAS, Experts believe that for every case of elder abuse or neglect reported, as many as 23 go unreported; and
WHEREAS, The National Center on Elder Abuse encourages individuals and organizations to raise public awareness about elder abuse; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the citizens of the State of Illinois to become aware of elder abuse and neglect; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we designate the date of June 15, 2018 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in the State of Illinois.