



NORTH VANCOUVER
DISTRICT

PROCLAMATION
“World Elder Abuse Awareness Day”
(June 15, 2018)

WHEREAS: The District of North Vancouver's seniors are valued members of society, convey a wealth of experience and wisdom in our community and deserve to live with dignity and respect. It is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and fully in a community that cares about them;

WHEREAS: Victims of elder abuse are parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends. Elder abuse is not limited by race, gender, culture, and circumstance, and whether physical, emotional, or financial, elder abuse takes an unacceptable toll on individuals and families;

WHEREAS: Seniors who experience abuse or neglect face a heightened risk of health related complications, financial abuse can rob our seniors of the security they have built over a lifetime. Tragically, many older adults suffer in silence, burdened by fear, shame, or impairments that prevent them from speaking out about abuse;

WHEREAS: Combating abuse of older adults will help improve the quality of life for all seniors in our community and allow seniors to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of The District of North Vancouver;

WHEREAS: The District of North Vancouver's seniors are guaranteed that they will be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community; and,

WHEREAS: The well-being of The District of North Vancouver's seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the well-being of The District of North Vancouver.

NOW THEREFORE I, Richard Walton, Mayor of the District of North Vancouver, do hereby proclaim **June 15, 2018** as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and encourage all District of North Vancouver's residents to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

Dated at North Vancouver, BC
This 11th day of June 2018

Richard Walton
MAYOR