



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PROCLAMATION**

"Elder Abuse Awareness Day"

June 15, 2019

WHEREAS: Olds population of seniors are valued members of our community, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that they live safely; and

WHEREAS: Abuse of older adults is a tragedy inflicted against vulnerable seniors and is an ever-increasing problem that crosses all socio-economic boundaries in today's society, and

WHEREAS: Most abuse of older adults is hidden, and often even more so in rural communities, and

WHEREAS: Seniors should be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important, active members of society, and

WHEREAS: We must address and begin to bridge the ever-growing inter-generational gap by cultivating the appreciation and respect for older adults across all generations in Olds, through collaborative community initiatives, and

WHEREAS: We are all responsible for building a safer, inclusive, and more age friendly community for our Olds population of older adults, and

WHEREAS: We need to know the signs and indicators of elder abuse and what actions everyone can take to prevent it, by being equipped with awareness and education on this topic for all community members and community senior service providers, and

NOW THEREFORE: Olds Town Council, Olds Alberta, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 15, 2019, as "**Elder Abuse Awareness Day**" in the Town of Olds.

Signed the 10th day of June, 2019

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Muzychka", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michael Muzychka, Mayor
Town of Olds