

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 13-0374

Announcing June 17, 2013 as “Become Their Champion Day: The Year of Elder Abuse Prevention”

WHEREAS, every year an estimated 2.1 million older Americans are victims of elder abuse, neglect or exploitation; and

WHEREAS, throughout our state there were nearly 11,000 reports to Colorado Adult Protective Services last year, more than 1,200 reports came from Denver, and sadly, many more went unreported; and

WHEREAS, throughout the Year of Elder Abuse Prevention, we must all champion to protect seniors in our community; and

WHEREAS, we commend advocates, lawmakers, and the community for getting Colorado to join 48 other states by mandating elder abuse reporting by passing Senate Bill 13-111 this year; and

WHEREAS, we extend our gratitude to all the adult protection workers, caretakers, and volunteers who dedicate their lives to caring for the elderly each and every day; and

WHEREAS, we must all make a commitment to protect seniors and raise awareness about elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, we must not be afraid to speak up against friends, family members, and caretakers that may be abusing, neglecting, or financially exploiting loved ones by calling to report suspected abuse; and

WHEREAS, today, June 17, the City and County of Denver proudly champions to protect seniors by standing by our community to take a stand against elder abuse.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council proclaims June 17, 2013 as “Become Their Champion Day” in the City and County of Denver, and that we encourage every person to champion to protect seniors and to call to report suspected elder abuse or neglect to Adult Protective Services.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Penny May, Manager of Denver Human Services.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 17, 2013

PRESIDENT