



*The Office of the Mayor*

## *PROCLAMATION*

- Whereas,** ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse in the United States; and,
- Whereas,** after a lifetime of contributions to their families, their communities, and our state, every Idahoan deserves to live out his or her days in health and security, yet, every year, millions of older Americans are denied the opportunity due to abuse, neglect or exploitation; and,
- Whereas,** preventing abuse, neglect and exploitation of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports will allow everyone to continue to live independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities; and,
- Whereas,** 2025 marks the 19th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Its recognition will promote a better understanding of abuse, neglect and exploitation of older adults; and,
- Whereas,** organizations like the Ada County Victim Services Center recognize the importance of taking action to raise awareness of abuse, neglect and exploration of older adults.

**Therefore,** I Mayor Robert E. Simison, hereby proclaim June 2025 as

## *Elder Abuse Awareness Month*

in the City of Meridian and call upon the citizens, government agencies, and public and private institutions in Meridian to recommit to our community to increasing awareness and understanding of elder abuse and the steps our citizens can take to protect our elders.

*Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2025*

A blue ink signature of Robert E. Simison, written over a horizontal line.

Robert E. Simison, Mayor



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