

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF ORLAND



PROCLAMATION

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

WHEREAS, older adults enrich our communities through their wisdom, experience, and continued service as leaders, mentors, and valued contributors to our society, deserving our utmost respect and protection; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse affects the health and dignity of millions worldwide, with one in ten Americans aged 60 and older experiencing some form of abuse or neglect, and only one in 24 cases being reported to authorities, highlighting the need for greater awareness and action; and

WHEREAS, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization established World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2006, bringing communities together to protect and honor our older adults through education, advocacy, and collective action; and

WHEREAS, we recognize our shared responsibility as a community to prevent elder abuse by identifying signs of mistreatment, supporting those at risk, reporting suspected abuse, and fostering a culture of respect and dignity for older adults in all settings; and

WHEREAS, building a stronger, safer community requires active engagement in maintaining and improving social supports, including senior centers, essential services, and transportation, to ensure our older adults remain connected, protected, and valued members of our society; and

WHEREAS, the well-being of older adults reflects the strength of our community, and their protection requires vigilance, compassion, and dedication from all citizens, organizations, and institutions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Orland City Council does hereby proclaim June 15, 2025, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Glenn County, and call upon all citizens to fulfill their role in protecting older adults, preventing abuse, supporting programs that preserve dignity and independence, and creating a community where our elders can age with security and respect.



Mathew Romano
City of Orland, Mayor