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## PROCLAMATION

### *“World Elder Abuse Awareness Day”*

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**WHEREAS** The District of Oak Bay’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; and

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

**WHEREAS** At least 10% of senior adults in British Columbia will at some point in time face some form of abuse. Tragically, many will suffer in silence, burdened by fear, shame, or impairments that prevent them from speaking out about abuse; and

**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 Oak Bay; and

**WHEREAS** Our senior population is an important part of our society; and

**WHEREAS** Our aging population deserves the respect to have his day and these issues brought to the attention of all society, locally & globally;

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Nils Jensen, Mayor of Oak Bay, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2018 as “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day”.

Nils Jensen, Mayor  
District of Oak Bay

