



PROCLAMATION

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

JUNE 15, 2026

WHEREAS The Town of Halton Hills older adult residents deserve to be treated with respect, dignity and valued as contributing members of society, imparting a wealth of experience and wisdom in our communities;

AND WHEREAS The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed this day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue;

AND WHEREAS The Town of Halton Hills recognizes the importance of taking action to invest in creating social change, to prioritize the prevention of elder abuse and raise awareness to foster a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults and their rights;

AND WHEREAS Elder abuse has a significant impact on the lives of older adults and families; and is not limited to race, gender, culture, or circumstance, and regardless of whether the abuse is physical, emotional, sexual, financial or neglect;

AND WHEREAS Ageism and social isolation are major causes and risk factors of elder abuse in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Recognizing that it is up to all of us, as citizens, organizations, communities, and governments, to work collectively to prevent violence and abuse of older adults in their homes and communities;

AND WHEREAS Preventing abuse of older adults through improving and maintaining social and health services, such as housing, income security, and safety will improve their quality of life and allow them to live independently and contribute to the vibrancy of their community;

AND WHEREAS Where there is respect for human rights, equality, and justice there can be no abuse; therefore, all Halton Hills residents are urged to join this global movement to promote the Rights of Older Adults and Stop Abuse and Restore Respect;

THEREFORE, I, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim June 15, 2026 as **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Lawlor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Ann Lawlor
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills