

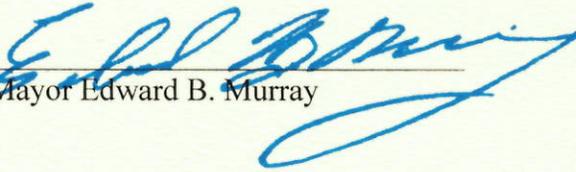
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation are growing problems in our community – 1 in 10 older adults and one-half of people with dementia victims of elder abuse and only 1 in 44 cases of financial exploitation are reported; and
- WHEREAS,** all Seattle residents—regardless of age or ability—deserve to be treated with respect and dignity; and
- WHEREAS,** elder abuse is a global health and human rights issue that affects millions of older adults, including thousands in the greater Seattle area, each and every year; and
- WHEREAS,** when a person uses power and control to inflict physical, sexual, emotional, or financial injury or harm upon an older adult with whom they have an ongoing relationship, he or she causes pain, suffering, and long-term adverse effects on the health and well-being of the victim; and
- WHEREAS,** elder abuse occurs in all communities, and affects people of all ethnic, cultural, racial, economic, and religious backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Seattle—through its Human Services Department and Aging and Disability Services, the Area Agency on Aging for Seattle-King County—collaborates with the King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, law enforcement, social service agencies, and health care professionals to address the special needs of older adults who experience abuse or neglect; and
- WHEREAS,** recognizing that any fear, injury or harm that comes to older adults weakens the fabric of our community, the United Nations has designated June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day; and
- WHEREAS,** building awareness of elder abuse issues, learning the signs that abuse is occurring, and knowing that confidential and professional resources for abused elders are available in our community is critical to ending elder abuse;

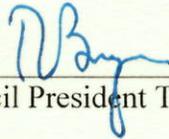
*NOW, THEREFORE, THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR DO HEREBY
PROCLAIM JUNE 15, 2015 TO BE, IN SEATTLE*

Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Seattle

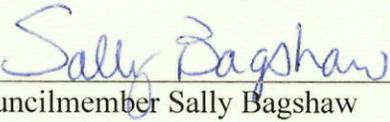
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Mayor Edward B. Murray



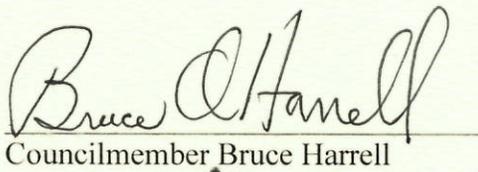
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Councilmember Sally Bagshaw



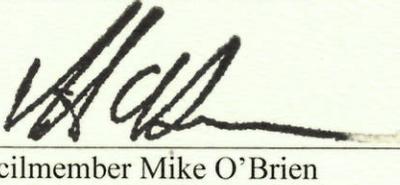
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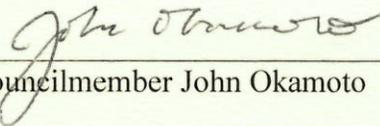
Councilmember Bruce Harrell



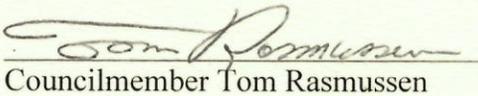
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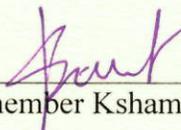
Councilmember Mike O'Brien



Councilmember John Okamoto



Councilmember Tom Rasmussen



Councilmember Kshama Sawant