Proclamation City of Laguna Woods Elder Abuse Awareness Month June 2024

WHEREAS, Laguna Woods is a community comprised mainly of older adults; and

WHEREAS, Elder Abuse Awareness Month is an international opportunity to bring attention to the all too prevalent maltreatment of older adults at home; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is a problem that crosses all socio-economic boundaries and affects older adults regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, education, or location; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse manifests itself in a variety of forms, including physical, emotional, and financial abuse in homes and long-term care facilities; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse can cause lasting harm, financial ruin, and death; and

WHEREAS, there are physical, behavioral, and isolation warning signs that can be identified and acted upon to prevent or end instances of elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, ending instances of elder abuse often requires reporting by loved ones or other concerned parties, as well as professional intervention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Laguna Woods City Council does hereby proclaim June 2024 as "Elder Abuse Awareness Month" in the City of Laguna Woods and encourages residents and businesses to learn the warning signs of elder abuse and report all instances of known or suspected elder abuse.

| Dated this 5 th day of June, 2024 | |
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| Noel Hatch | Attest: Yolie Trippy, CMC |
| Mayor | City Clerk |