

**PRESENTED BY: MAURER, SOYARS, DEBEVEC
ENDRES, LYSENKO, WAGNER, MEGYES, AVANT, FREY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 81-2014
SPONSORED BY: MR. ENDRES**

TITLE: ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON RECOGNIZING SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2014, AS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY AND ENCOURAGING THE RESIDENTS OF SUMMIT COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE COMMUNITIES, LIBRARIES, SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE-SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE ABUSE OF OLDER PERSONS, FOR THE EXECUTIVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched on June 15, 2006, by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations to raise awareness of the problem of elder abuse and the resources available for the protection of seniors; and

WHEREAS, in February 2012, House Bill 215 was adopted, thereby naming June 15 of each year as “Elder Abuse Awareness Day”; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and County Council are committed to working together to ensure the rights of seniors residing in Summit County live safely and with dignity free from any type of elder abuse and are further committed to raising public awareness of elder abuse and the services available for the protection of seniors; and

WHEREAS, locally the Senior Independent Living Coalition (“SILC”), an initiative of the Summit 2020: A Quality of Life Project, has placed the emphasis of its purpose on reducing the incidence of elder abuse/neglect and maintaining senior health; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, financial exploitation that may lead to harm and may even result in the death of seniors; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse affects seniors of all socio-economic groups, cultures, and races, and occurs across the world, nation and state, in institutional settings, and in their homes and is committed by both caregivers and family members whom senior rely on for care; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that even though more than one in ten seniors may experience some type of abuse, only one in five of these incidences are ever discovered and/or reported; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to declare Sunday, June 15, 2014, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Barberton hereby recognized Sunday, June 15, 2014, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and encourages all residents of the County to participate in any events and programs offered by the communities, libraries, schools, governments and private-sector institutions of the County in observance of this day.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting

of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Barberton and the inhabitants thereof, for the reason that it is necessary to pass this resolution in the month of June, and provided it receives the necessary votes required by the City Charter, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval; otherwise to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed _____ 2014

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2014

Mayor