

# WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

June 15, 2009

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** June 15, 2009 is the inauguration of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

**WHEREAS** up to ten percent of senior adults in British Columbia will at some point in time face some form of abuse

**WHEREAS** through raising awareness we are able to join communities together and show each other that we care about each others well-being.

**WHEREAS** District of North Saanich is a municipality that is always at the forefront of celebrating diversity and can be a leader in bringing awareness to the abuse of seniors, and can help and be a part of bringing awareness to the rest of the world: and

**WHEREAS** our aging population deserves that respect to have this day and these issues brought to the attention of society:

**Therefore, be it resolved that** the District of North Saanich proclaim, recognize and affirm that:

- **Proclaim June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY**
- **Our senior population is an important part of our society**
- **Senior abuse and neglect is a problem which must be addressed with more vigour and seriousness**
- **That financial, sexual, physical and emotional elder abuse occurs at all strata of society**
- **That the senior population has moulded and shaped today's world and it is our responsibility to ensure their safety and happiness during their later years**

**Be it further resolved that** the District of North Saanich call upon other municipalities, and countries to urge them to join together as a community and world network to value, and to prevent abuse and neglect of older adults.

**Be it finally resolved that** we commend the Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC, the Simon Fraser University Gerontology Research Centre, the BC Adult Abuse and Neglect Prevention collaborative, the BC Coalition to Eliminate Abuse of Seniors, the Public Guardian and Trustees of BC, the Peoples Law School, the Representation Agreement Centre, the BC/Yukon Society of Transition Houses, the BC Association of Community Response Networks and all Regional Health Authorities for their efforts to address this important issue.

NOW THEREFORE I, Alice Finall, Mayor of the District of North Saanich, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2009 to be **"World Elder Abuse Awareness Day"** in the District of North Saanich.

IN WITNESS, I set my hand this 26th day of May, 2009.

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Alice Finall  
MAYOR