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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, adults age 60 and older account for 22 percent of Carroll County's population; and

WHEREAS, abuse to adults age 60 and older has become more prevalent in our community; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse, neglect and exploitation occur among all socioeconomic classes, races and genders, and it is estimated that approximately one in five incidents of maltreatment is never reported; and

WHEREAS, from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, there were 101 reports of alleged abuse, neglect and exploitation received involving Carroll County residents age 60 and older, with 21 of those reports being investigated; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County Job & Family Services will continue to work with other advocates and professionals in increase awareness and help fight elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, older adults have the right to live free from harm, in peace and with dignity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we Robert Wirkner, Lewis Mickley, and Jeffrey Ohler, Commissioners of Carroll County, do hereby recognize June 2019 as "Elder Abuse Awareness Month" throughout Carroll County.

The Board of Commissioners of Carroll County

Robert E. Wirkner, President

Lewis Mickley, Vice President

Jeffrey Ohler, Commissioner

On this 10th day of June, 2019