



## PROCLAMATION

### VULNERABLE ADULT AND ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH 2019

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina joins the world in recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day every June 15<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting North Carolina's vulnerable and older adults is a community responsibility, and all citizens are charged under state law to report suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation to their local County Department of Social Services; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's vulnerable and older adults of all social, economic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds may be targets of abuse, neglect, or exploitation which can occur in families, long-term care settings, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, during the most recent fiscal year, there were more than 30,000 reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable and older adults made to North Carolina's 100 County Departments of Social Services; and

**WHEREAS**, national and international research shows that abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable and older adults is grossly underreported; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina enacted the nation's first elder abuse law, and recognizes the need for a comprehensive system of protection for vulnerable and older adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother's and Father's Days are national holidays intended to honor, respect, and promote the dignity and well-being of our older citizens.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Town of Nags Head Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim Mother's Day through Father's Day, May 12, 2019 through June 16, 2019, as "**VULNERABLE ADULT AND ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**" in Nags Head and commends its observance to all citizens.

This the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.

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Benjamin Cahoon, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk