



WHEREAS, according to the Illinois Department on Aging, between four and five percent of persons in the United States aged sixty and older are subject to some form of mistreatment or abuse, including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, as well as financial exploitation and neglect of basic care needs; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois has approximately two million citizens over the age of sixty, meaning that as many as 100,000 older adults in Illinois could currently be victims of some form of abuse; and,

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Illinois Department on Aging and its network of service providers to increase public awareness of this plight against our most vulnerable elderly; and to promote increased elder abuse reporting; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois will strengthen protections of people with disabilities and older adults through the newly created Office of Adult Protective Services; and,

WHEREAS, it is essential that the citizens of Illinois recognize the signs of abuse, neglect and exploitation, break the silence and report suspicions of abuse; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that each community in Illinois refuses to tolerate this offense against our older citizens by creating greater awareness of the prevalence and severity of elder abuse in hopes of eradicating it from society; and,

*THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim July 2013 as **ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH** in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to recognize this crisis and join in working toward its prevention.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-SIXTH day of JUNE, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
THIRTEEN, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and NINETY-FIFTH

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR