



Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
June 15, 2020**

WHEREAS, older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office, along with the City Council and Western Arizona Council of Governments, Area Agency on Aging recognizes the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent and address elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, as our population lives longer, we are presented with an opportunity to think about our collective needs and future as a city; and ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse in the United States and recognizing that it is up to all of us, to ensure that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of abuse, and

WHEREAS, preventing abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, human services and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our community, and

WHEREAS, where there is justice, there can be no abuse; therefore, the Mayor's office and members of the City Council, along with Western Arizona Council of Governments, Area Agency on Aging, urge all people to restore justice by honoring older adults. Join us in our engaging and empowering movement and putting an end to abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor of the City of San Luis, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2020, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and encourage all of our citizens to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of June 2020.

Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk