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**PROCLAMATION
ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, adults age 60 and older account for about 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, more than 50 reports of elder abuse are received in Carroll County each year, and from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, there were 59 reports of alleged abuse, neglect and exploitation involving Carroll County residents age 60 and older; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Robert Wirkner, Thomas White, and Jeffrey Ohler, Commissioners of Carroll County, do hereby recognize the month of June 2016 as "Elder Abuse Awareness Month" throughout Carroll County.

Proclamation adopted this 9th day of June, 2016.

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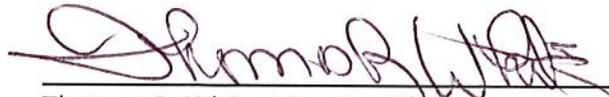
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